

UAS Standard Test Methods

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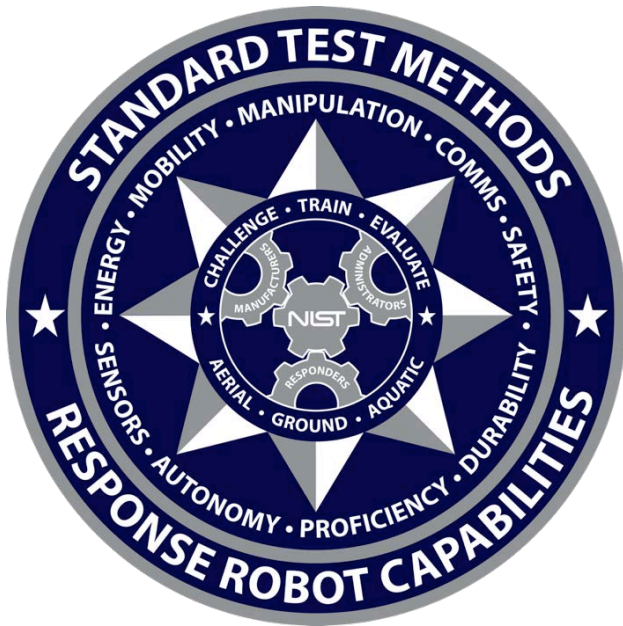
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Presentation Outline

- Project Background & Motivation
- Test Method Theory
- Test Procedures
- Test Methods used in UAS1 and UAS2
- Apparatus Fabrication
- Other UAS Test Methods

Project Background & Motivation

The NIST Emergency Response Robots Project



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Committee E54.09

Project Overview

Objective:

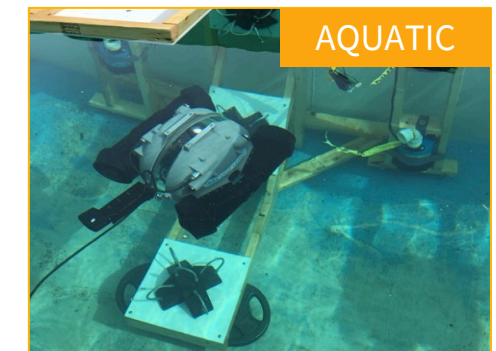
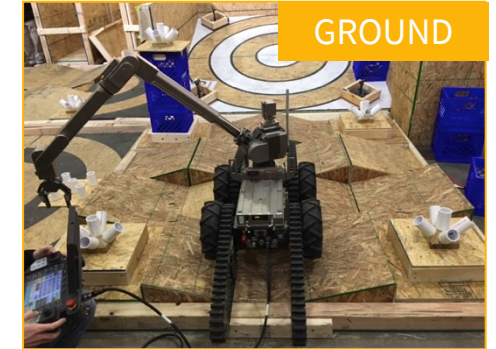
- Provide emergency responders a way to *quantitatively measure* whether robots are *capable* and *reliable* enough to perform operational tasks.
- Encourage integration of onboard sensors and intelligent controls to improve remote operator capabilities.

Approach:

- Develop **test methods** that measure robot maneuvering, mobility, sensors, energy, radio comms, dexterity, durability, logistics, autonomy, and operator proficiency.

Impacts:

- Communicate operational needs to robot developers.
- Enable users to understand emerging robot capabilities.
- Guide robot purchasing and deployment decisions
- Focus training and measure operator proficiency



The NIST Robotics Test Facility



Example of Quantitative Robot Performance Data

■ Sand

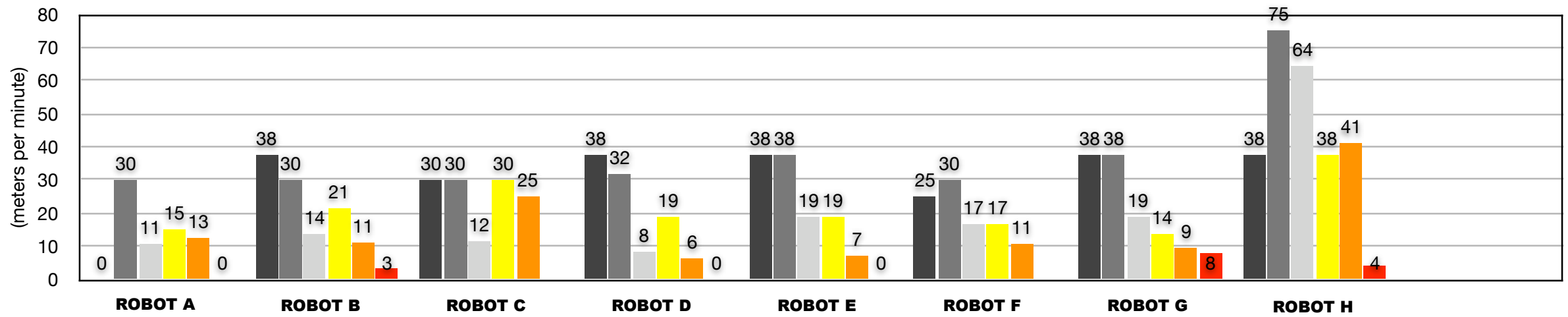
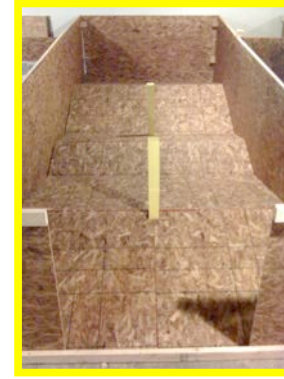
■ Gravel

■ Flat Line Following

■ Continuous Ramps

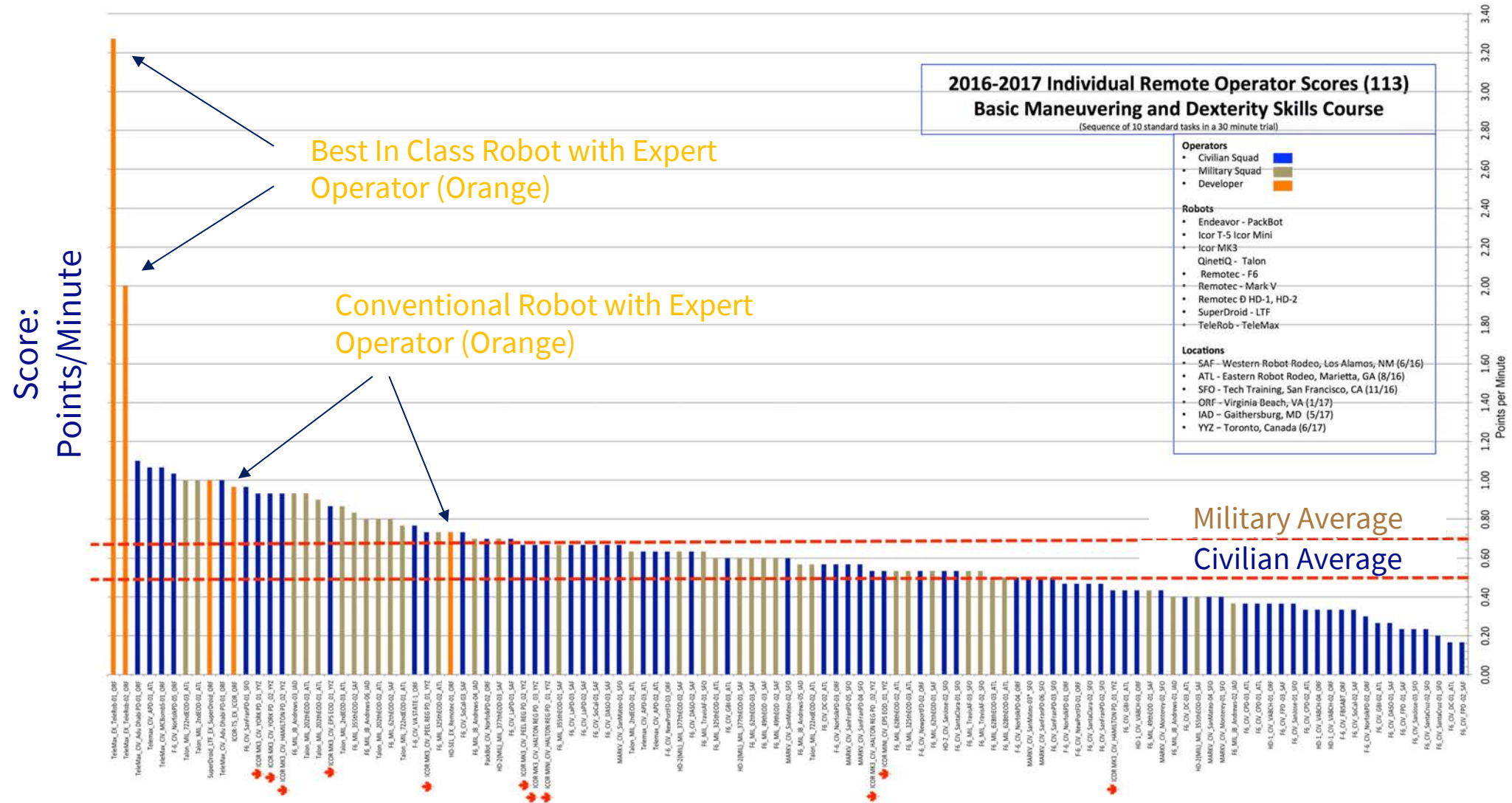
■ Crossing Ramps

■ Stepfields



Average Rate of Advance on Terrain for At Least 100m


Example of Robot Operator Proficiency Data



100+ Bomb Squad Technicians Using Their Operational Robots (USA & Canada)


Track and Compare Proficiency - Trial Forms (v2020A)

SCORE SUMMARY ON COVER



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Basic Maneuvering and Payload Functionality

Safety | Capabilities | Proficiency

Forms Version: 2019-G

Make: _____

Model: _____

Config: _____

Pilot Code: _____ **VO Code:** _____

Date: _____

Facility: _____

Location: _____

Event: _____

MAN 1-5


| | COMPLETED (points) | RELIABILITY (%) | EFFICIENCY (buckets/min) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) POSITION: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) TRAVERSE: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) ORBIT: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) SPIRAL: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5) SPEED: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| MAN 1-5 TOTAL SCORE | | | 100 Points Max |

PAY 1-5

| | COMPLETED (points) | ACUITY (average Cs) | EFFICIENCY (buckets/min) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) POSITION: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) TRAVERSE: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) ORBIT: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) SPIRAL: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5) DELIVER: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| PAY 1-5 TOTAL SCORE | | | 500 Points Max |

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PILOT BOOKLET WITH INSTRUCTIONS, FORMS, SCENARIOS, ETC.

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Position (MAN 1 | PAY 1)

Basic Maneuvering

BUCKET ALIGNMENTS MAN 1-5

Align to see the entire inscribed ring inside the buckets. The numbers and letters are bucket identifiers.




NOT QUITE ALIGNED

20 points maximum

Payload Functionality

PAY 1-5 VISUAL ACUITY TARGETS

Align and identify the visual acuity targets with increasingly small concentric C caps in one of eight directions.

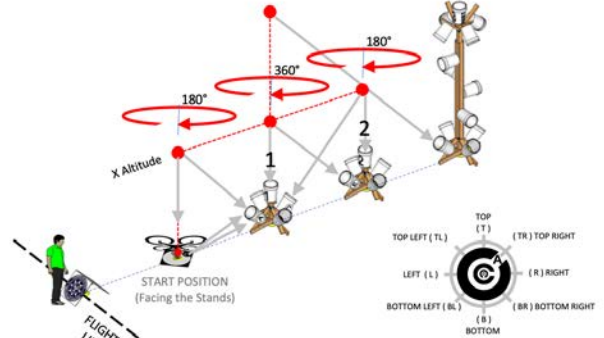


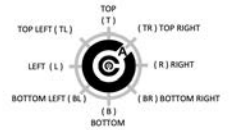
ALIGNED

100 points maximum

Procedure: Complete 1 lap with 10 positions (18 bucket alignments and a landing worth two points if centered). Start from the launch/land platform. Maneuver along the designated flight paths and hover in each position/orientation to align with BOTH BUCKETS OR TARGETS SIMULTANEOUSLY. Center on each designated bucket to see the entire inscribed ring for the MAN test, or align similarly and identify as many concentric C gap orientations as possible for the PAY test. Stopping is allowed. A single screenshot of each bucket alignment, target, and landing can be captured for verification if necessary. Continue until the trial is complete or the timer expires.

Form Fill-in: Circle the **number**, **letter**, or **word** (shown in green) for each successfully aligned bucket and accurate landing, or strike through if missed. Circle a **concentric C gap direction** (shown in blue) for each successfully identified target, or strike through if missed. Circle a **FAULT** (shown in red) and strike through the entire lap if there is any contact with an apparatus or the ground, or if the drone leaves the lane for any reason.







*If your training aircraft has only a fixed camera, or limited range of motion, align with as many buckets as possible. Performance is never compared across aircraft anyway.

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Position

MAN 1 | PAY 1







ALIGNED
RING IS
ENTIRELY
VISIBLE




MISSED
RING IS
PARTIALLY
VISIBLE




FAULT
RING IS
NOT
VISIBLE



SUCCESS



MISSED



FAULT

| LANE SPACING | | | LIGHTING | | | WIND | | PILOT VIEW | | TIME LIMIT |
|----------------|------|------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 10ft | 20ft | 30ft | DAYLIGHT | LIGHTED | DARK | AVG WIND | MAX GUST | EYES ON | FPV ONLY | 10 MIN |
| Other _____ ft | | | 1000+ LUX | 300+ LUX | < 1 LUX | ____ MPH | ____ MPH | | | |

| PROCEDURE | POSITION FLIGHT PATHS | CIRCLE ONE PER OCCURRENCE: | FAULT | FAULT | FAULT | RESULTS | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|--|-------|-------|--------------------|----|--|--|
| START THE TIMER AT LAUNCH FROM PLATFORM | | CIRCLE WHEN ALIGNED | CIRCLE TARGET GAP DIRECTION WHEN CORRECT | | | MAN 1 SCORE | | | |
| 1 | LAUNCH TO X OVER STAND 1 | 1 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | TOTAL BUCKETS ALIGNED: <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">of 20</div> | |
| 2 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 2E | 2E | B | TL | TR | BL | BR | | |
| 3 | ROTATE RIGHT 360° OVER STAND 1 | 3 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | |
| 4 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 2E | 2E | B | TL | TR | BL | BR | | RELIABILITY <small>(Total Buckets Aligned / Attempts) x 100</small> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">%</div> |
| 5 | ROTATE LEFT 360° OVER STAND 1 | 1 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | |
| 6 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 2E | 2E | B | TL | TR | BL | BR | | |
| 7 | CLIMB TO 2X OVER STAND 1 | 1 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | EFFICIENCY <small>Total Buckets Aligned / Minutes</small> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">BPM</div> |
| 8 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 3I | 3I | B | L | T | BL | TL | | |
| 9 | DESCEND TO X OVER STAND 1 | 1 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | |
| 10 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 2E | 2E | B | TL | TR | BL | BR | | PAY 1 SCORE TOTAL C's IDENTIFIED: <div style="background-color: #00008b; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">of 100</div> |
| 11 | FORWARD OVER STAND 2 | 2 | B | L | T | BL | TL | | |
| 12 | ALIGN BUCKETS 2 AND 3I | 3I | B | L | T | BL | TL | | |
| 13 | BACKWARD OVER STAND 1 | 1 | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | AVERAGE ACUITY <small>Total C's Identified / Total Buckets Aligned</small> <div style="background-color: #00008b; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1-5 Cs</div> |
| 14 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1 AND 2E | 2E | B | TL | TR | BL | BR | | |
| 15 | FORWARD/ROTATE 180° OVER STAND 2 | 2 | B | L | T | BL | TL | | |
| 16 | ALIGN BUCKETS 2 AND 1C | 1C | B | L | B | L | BR | | EFFICIENCY <small>Total Buckets Aligned / Minutes</small> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">BPM</div> |
| 17 | FORWARD/ROTATE 180° OVER LANDING | 1A | T | R | B | R | BR | | |
| 18 | ALIGN BUCKETS 1A AND LANDING | LANDING | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | |
| 19 | LAND CENTERED FACING STANDS (2 POINTS) | CENTERED (Paych 2) | T | BL | TR | BR | TL | | |
| 20 | Centered is 1 or more feet within a 1ft radius | CENTERED (Paych 2) | | | | | | | |

Comprehensive Suite of 50+ Test Methods

Ground, Aerial, and Aquatic Systems

Mobility

Dexterity

Endurance

Sensors

Radio Comms

Durability

Logistics

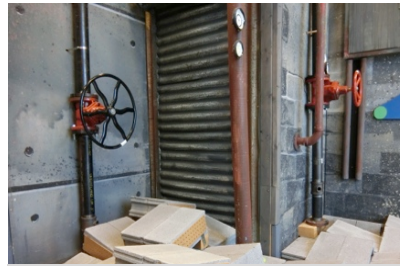
Safety

Autonomy

Proficiency



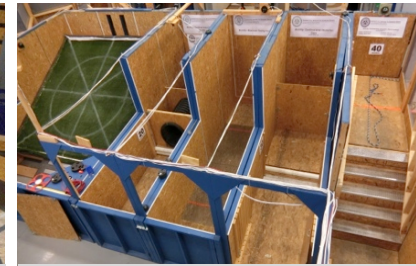
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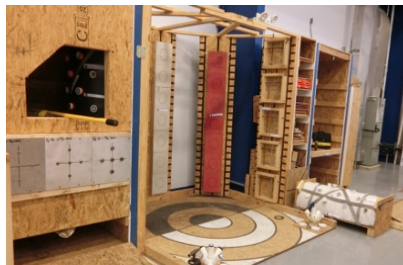
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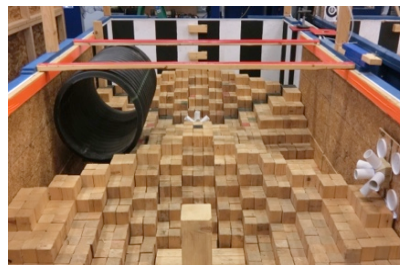
Dexterity



Standard Lanes



Vehicle Scenarios



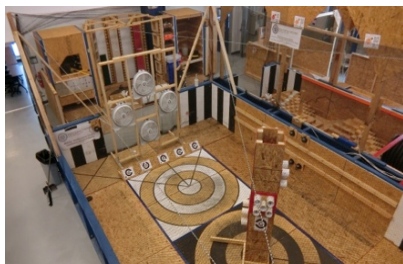
120cm (48in) Scale



30cm (12in) Scale



Confined access



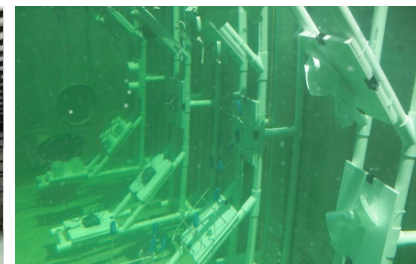
Aerial (netted)



Aerial (outdoor)



Aerial (hangar)



Underwater (tank)

Sponsors and Customers

Sponsors

Adopting and Developing
New Standard Test Methods



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Robot Purchases

Using Robot Capabilities
Data From Test Methods

\$70M to date



Working with the Nation's Bomb Techs

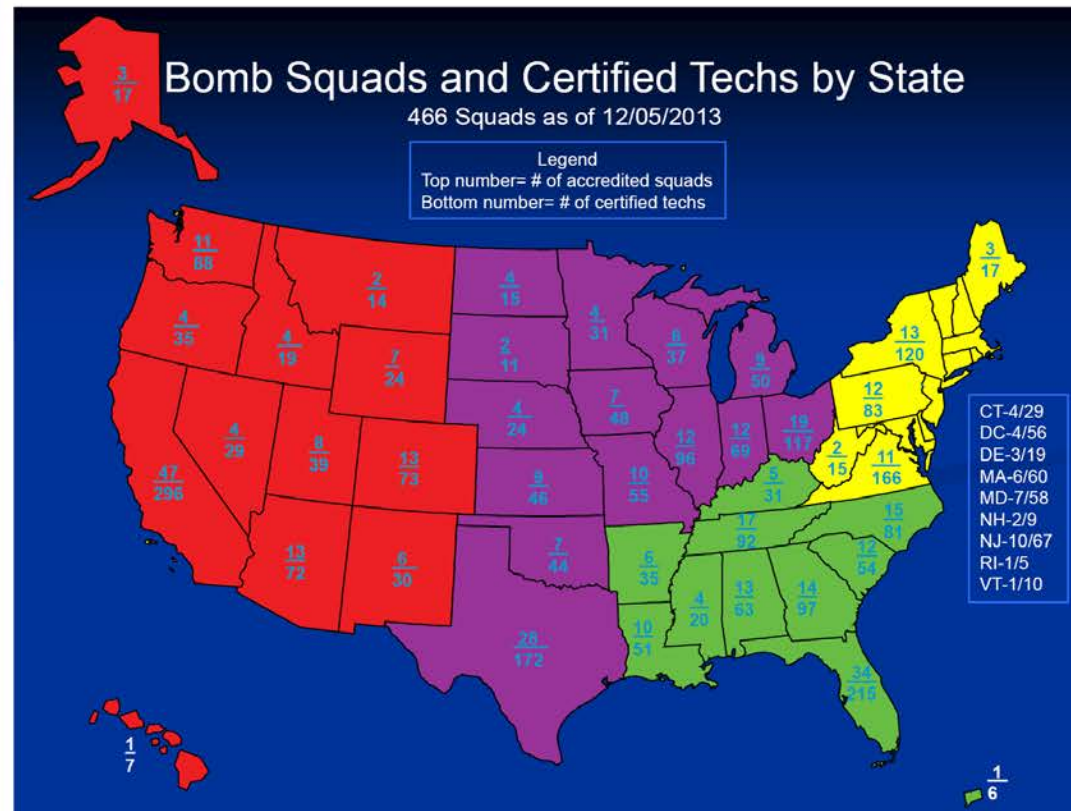
Western Region:

CA San Diego Fire Rescue (2014)
 WA Port of Seattle Police (2015)
 CA Santa Clara Sheriff (2016)
 CA Navy SPAWAR, San Diego (2016)
 AZ Phoenix Police (2016)
 NV Las Vegas Fire (2016)
 CO Denver Police (2016)
 AZ Tucson Police (2016)

Central Region:

TX Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio (2010)
 TX Austin Fire (2016)
 TX Houston Police (2016)
 TX Disaster City, College Station (2016)
 KS Kansas City, Olathe Fire (2016)
 MI Michigan State Police (2016)
 MI Detroit Police (2016)
 OH Cincinnati Fire (2016)

**ENGAGING MORE THAN 25%
 OF BOMB SQUADS NATIONWIDE**
28 Validation Sites of 120 Requests



Northern Region:

MD NIST, Gaithersburg (2006, 2012)
 MA UMass Lowell (2013)
 WV ARMY Camp Dawson, Kingwood (2013)
 PA Penn State Uni., State College (2014)
 NY DHS Training Center, Oriskany (2015)
 MD Navy NAVEODTECHDIV, Indian Head (2016)
 VA Virginia State Police (2016)

Southern Region:

FL Air Force Tyndall AFB, Pensacola (2014)
 FL Lee County Sheriff (2016)
 FL Boca Raton Police (2016)
 GA Atlanta Police (2016)
 GA Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base (2016)

Collaborating Test Facilities Worldwide



Test Director: Andrew Moore
Southwest Research Institute
Dept. of Electronics and Robotics
San Antonio, TX, USA
(Established 2010)



Test Director: Satoshi Tadokoro
International Rescue System
Institute and Tohoku University
Kobe and Sendai, Japan
(Established 2011)



Test Director: Johannes Pellenz
Bundeswehr Technical Center for
Engineer and General Field Equipment
Koblenz, Germany
(Established 2012)



Test Director: Holly Yanco
New England Robot Validation
and Experimentation Center
Lowell, MA, USA
(Established 2013)



Test Directors: Raymond Sheh and Bill Collidge
Curtin University of Technology and
Western Australia Police Bomb Response Unit
Perth, WA, Australia
(Established 2013)



Test Director: Christopher Scrapper
SPAWAR
Systems Center Pacific
San Diego, CA, USA
(Established 2014)



Test Director: Capt. Sam Hsu
U.S. State Department
Anti-Terrorism Assistance Training Facility
Kabul, Afghanistan
(Established 2015)



Test Director: Michal Karczewski
Industrial Research Institute
for Automation and Measurements
Warsaw, Poland
(Established 2015)



Test Director: Shinji Kawatsuma
Fukushima Robot Test Facility
Japanese Atomic Energy Agency
Naraha, Fukushima, Japan
(Established 2016)



Test Director: Steve Wheeler
Remote Applications in Challenging Environments
UK Atomic Energy Agency
Oxford, United Kingdom
(Established 2016)



Test Director:
Korean Atomic Energy
Research Institute
Daejeon, South Korea
(Established 2016)



Test Directors: Jackrit Suthakorn and Syed Saqib Hussain Shah
Center for Biomedical and Robotics Technology (BART LAB)
Mahidol University
Bangkok, Thailand
(Established 2017)



Test Director: Seung Sub Oh
Disaster Robotics R&D Center
KIRO Institute for Robotics and Convergence
Established: 2017



Test Director: Tetsuya Kimura
Nagaoka University of Technology
Niigata Prefecture, Japan
Established: 2016



Test Director: Masayuki Okugawa
Aichi Institute of Technology
Nagoya Prefecture, Japan
Established: 2017



Test Director: TBD
Fukushima Robot Test Field
Fukushima Prefecture, Japan
Established 2018-2020

The UAS Test Methods

Test Methods for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)

Safety | Capabilities | Proficiency



Initial focus is on VTOL UAS, but some tests apply to forward flying aircraft when scaled up to the appropriate loiter radius.

Supporting NFPA 2400 and ASTM F38 Practical Skills Requirement

“Standard Guide for Training for Remote Pilot in Command of UAS Endorsement”

Qualitative Task Performance Levels:

4) PROFICIENT

Can do the complete task quickly and accurately.
Can tell or show others how to do the task.

3) COMPETENT

Can do all parts of the task.
Needs only a spot check of completed work.

2) PARTIALLY PROFICIENT

Can do most parts of the task.
Needs only help on hardest parts.

1) LIMITED

Can do simple parts of task.
Needs to be told or shown how to do most of task.

Quantitative Thresholds (Examples, You May Set Your Own)

80-100%



60-79%



40-59%



20-39%



Benefits

Scores captured
in standard tests.

Relative to the “expert” provided by
the manufacturer (or best score of all).

Same description applies, but
thresholds can be chosen based on
measured data.

Provides clear thresholds for
self-evaluation.

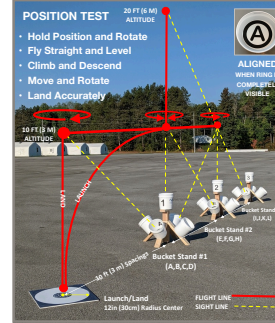
Test Methods Being Developed

Sensing

- Image Acuity
- Color Acuity
- Motion Acuity
- Thermal Acuity
- Latency (Video/Control)



Indoor



Outdoor



Embedded

Radio Communications

- Line-of-Sight Range
- Non-Line-of-Sight Range
- Interference/Attenuation

Safety

- Impact Forces
- Lights and Sounds
- Prop Guards
- Lost Power Behaviors
- Lost Comms Behaviors

Durability

- Rain Tolerance

Logistics

- Configuration Identification, Packaging & Setup Time

Basic Pilot Proficiency Tests

Maneuvering & Payload Functionality

1. Position
 - Hold Position and Rotate
 - Climb and Descend
 - Fly Straight and Level
 - Move and Rotate
 - Land Accurately
2. Traverse
3. Orbit
4. Spiral
5. Recon

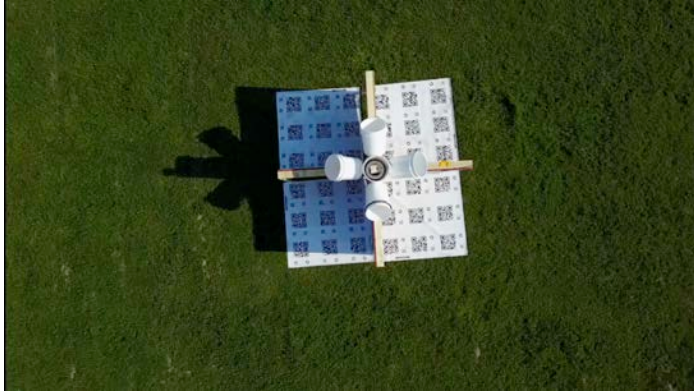
Maneuvering & Payload Funct. (contd.)

- Avoid Obstacles
- Pass Through Openings
- Map Wide Areas (Stitched Images)
- Survey Acuity
- Deliver Payload

Energy/Power

- Endurance (Mixed Use, High Speed)
- Perch Time (Landed w/ Sensors On)

Test Methods Being Developed



Orbit - Maneuvering

Basic Pilot Proficiency Tests Maneuvering & Payload Functionality

1. Position

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Orbit – Payload Functionality



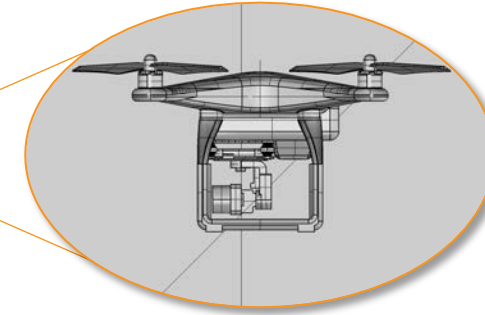
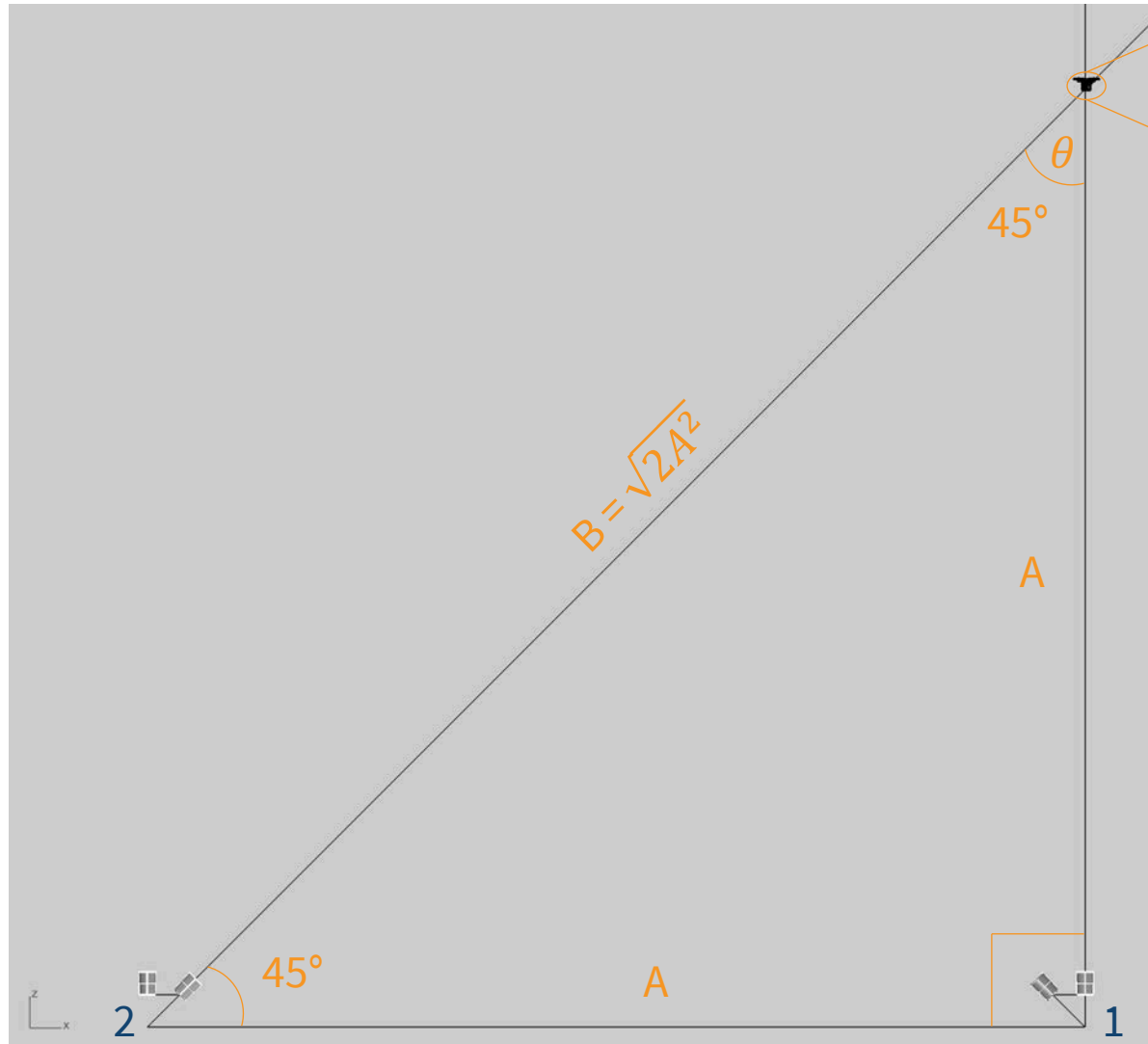
Hold Position and Rotate



Recon

The Theory Behind the Test Methods

Using Right Triangles to Localize an Aircraft in Space



Sum of angles of a triangle = 180°

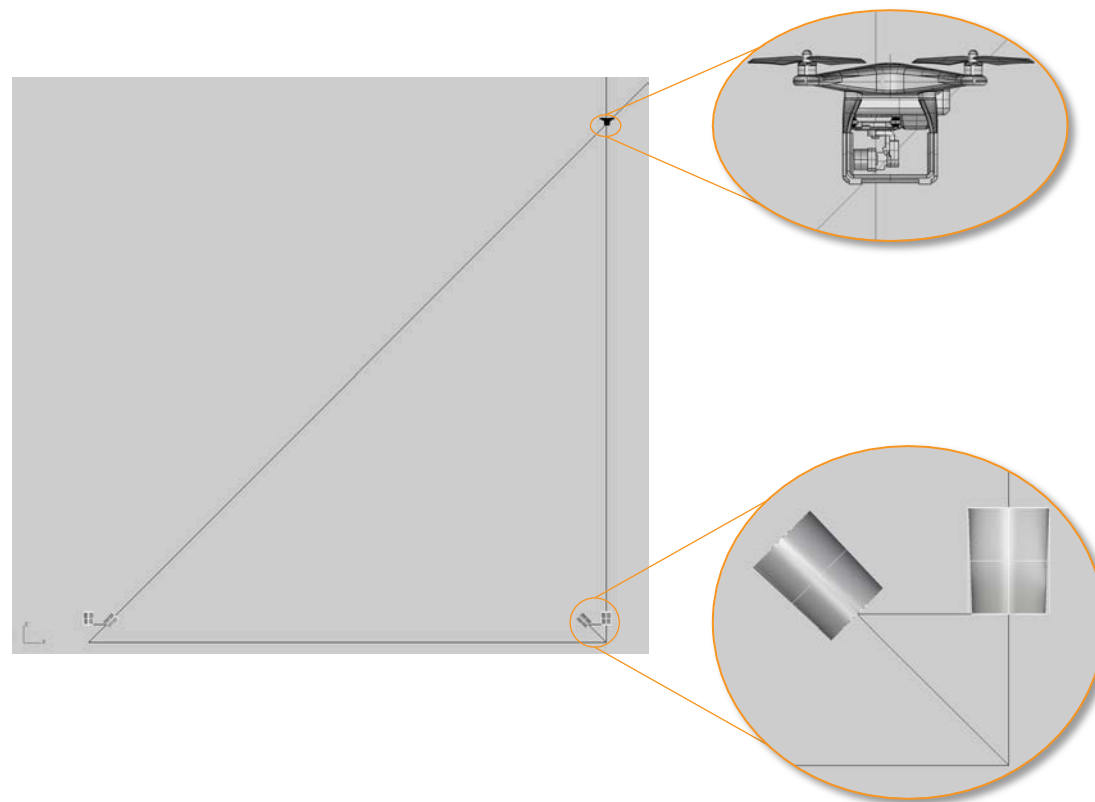
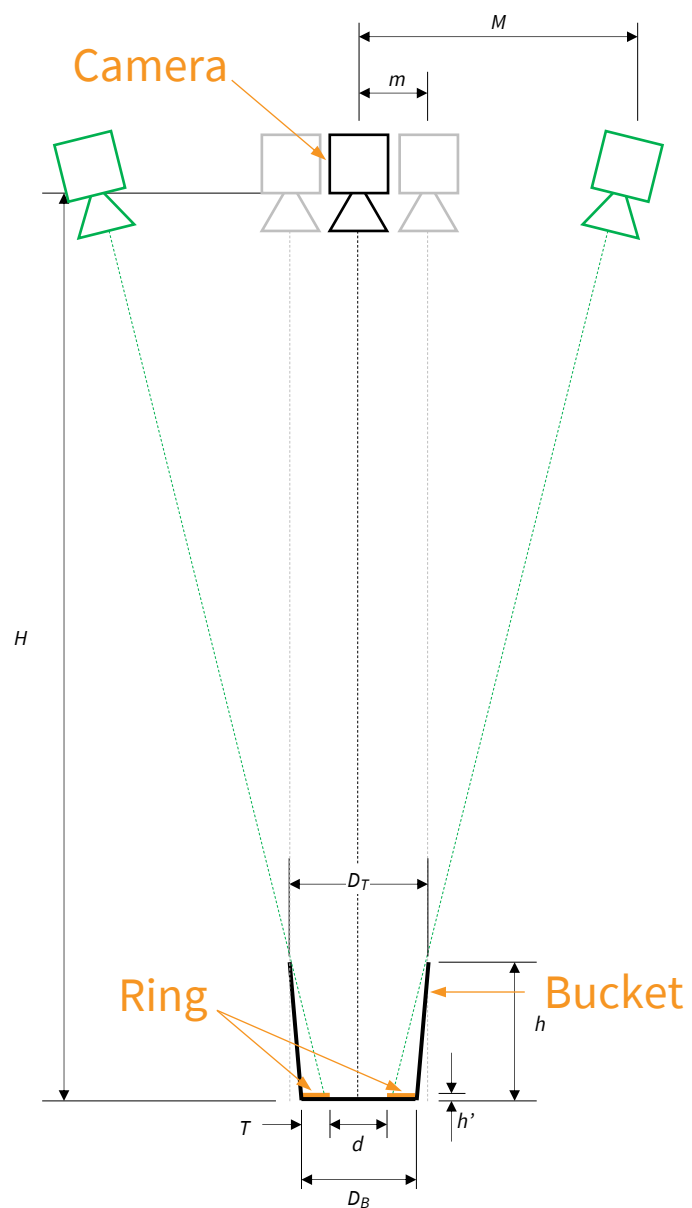
$$\Rightarrow \theta + 90^\circ + 45^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 180^\circ - (90^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

Therefore, aircraft elevation = A

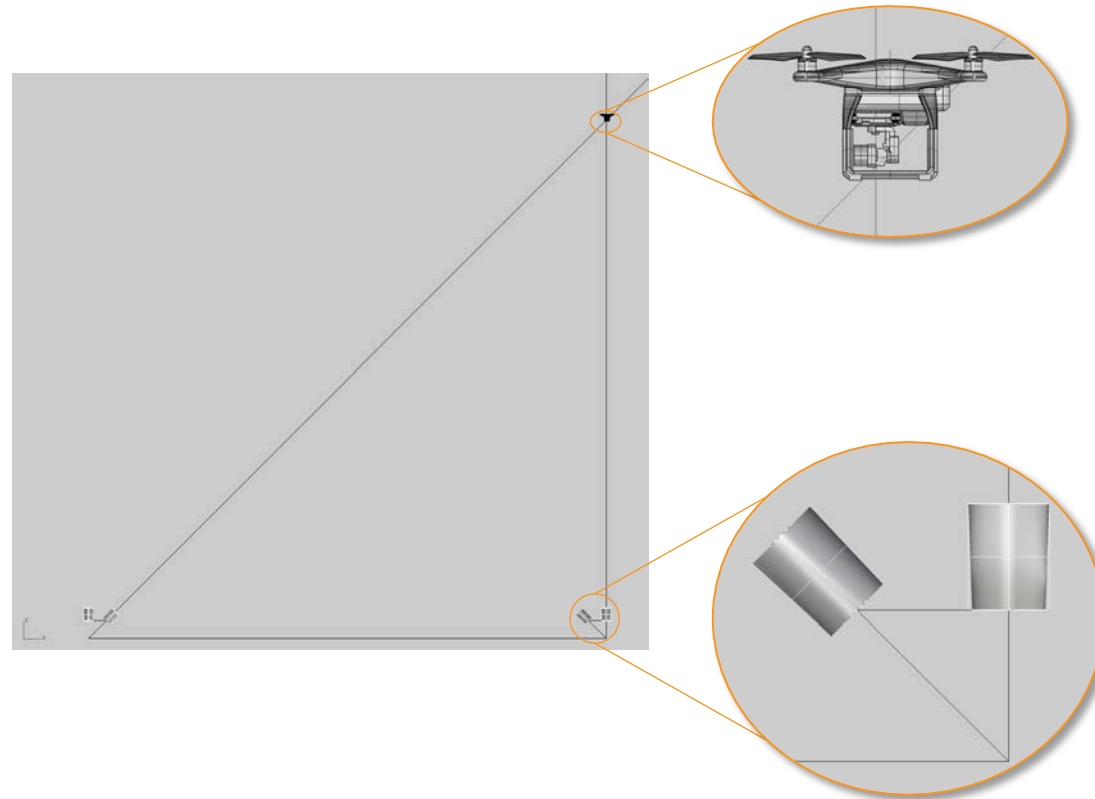
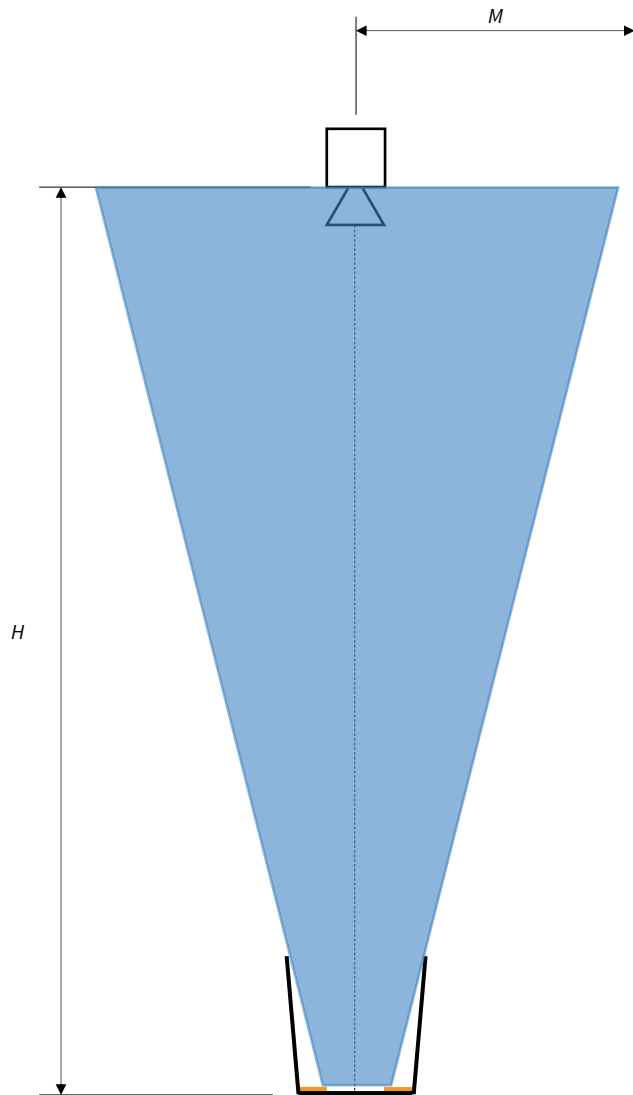
Cameras, Rings, and Buckets



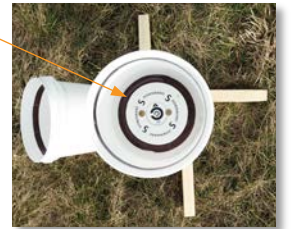
Ring



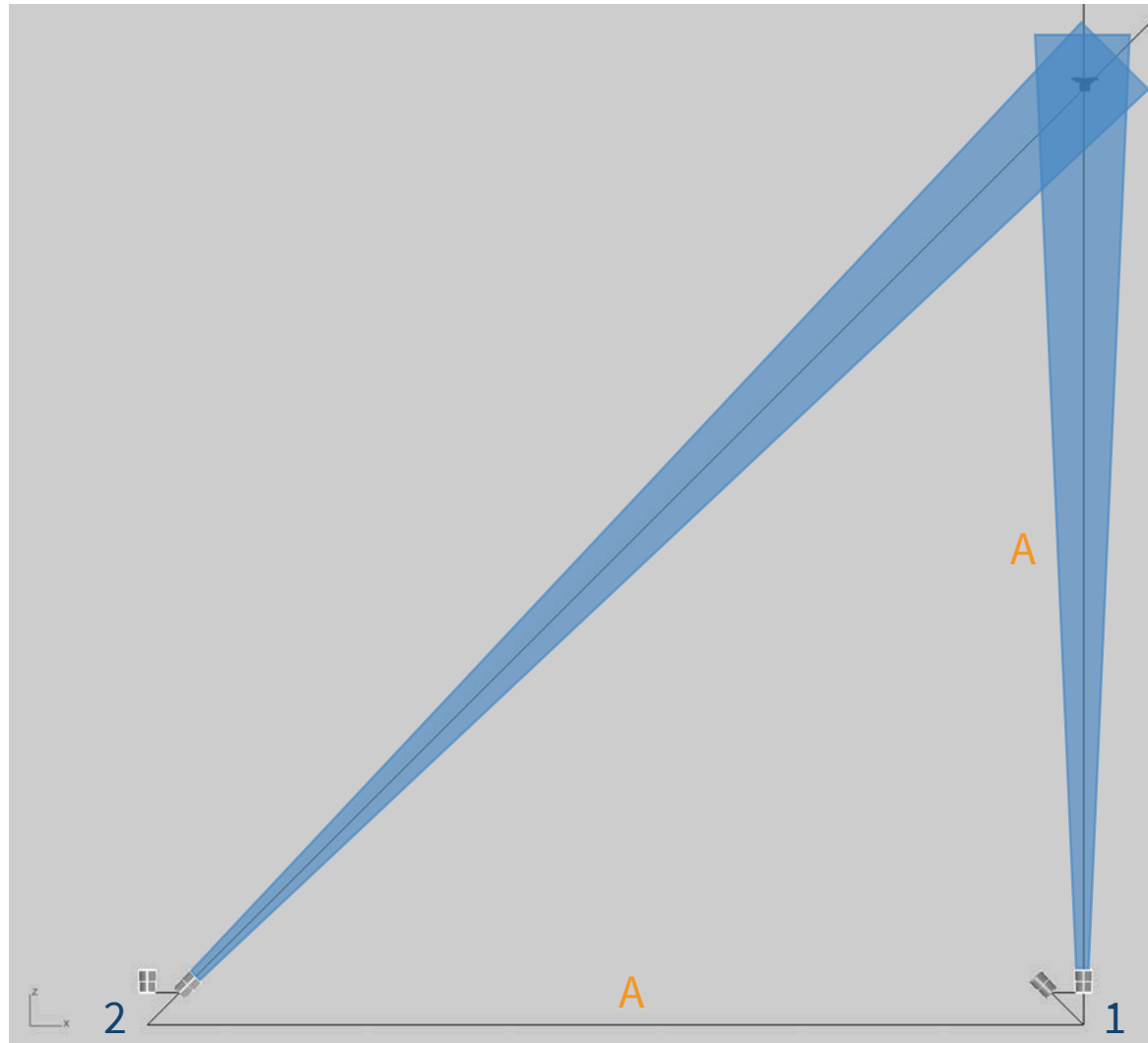
Cameras, Rings, and Buckets



Ring



Cameras, Rings, and Buckets



Bucket Alignments Define Points of View

COMPLETE GREEN RING

ALIGNED



PARTIAL GREEN RING

ALIGNED



BROKEN GREEN RING

NOT ALIGNED



Bucket Alignments Define Points of View

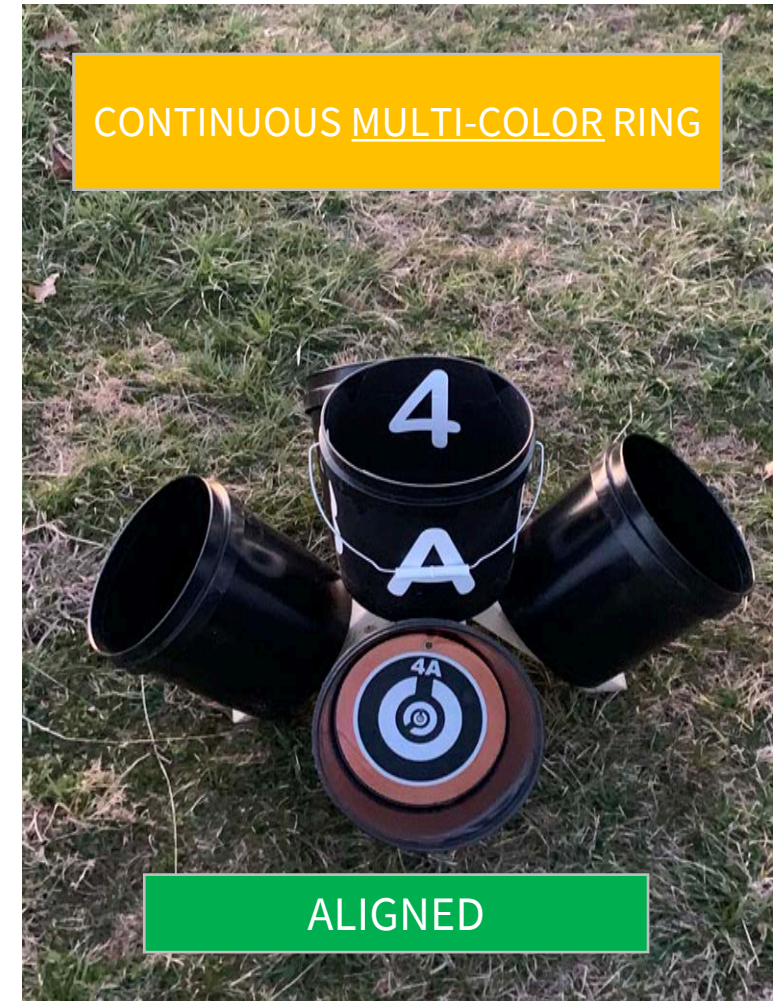
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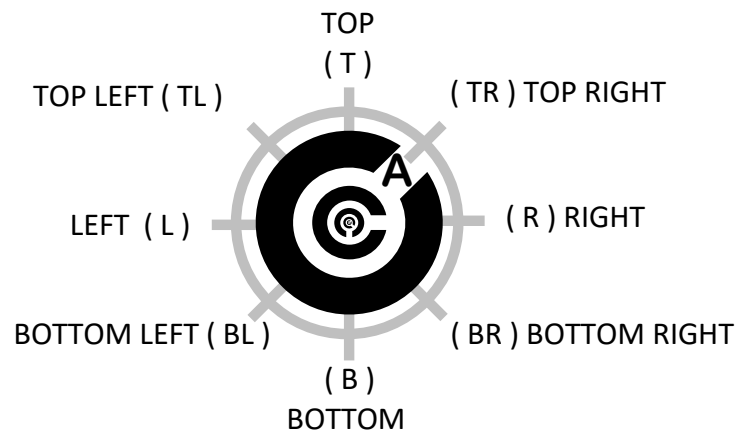
BLACK EMBEDDED SCENARIOS



Visual Acuity Targets **for Payload Functionality**



Align green (or multi-color) ring first
Then read as many “Concentric Cs” as possible.



Identify “Concentric C” gap directions
There are 5 increasingly smaller sizes of Cs to identify. For each readable size, identify the gap direction as shown.

Basic Maneuvering / Payload Functionality Procedures

MANEUVERING MAN 1-5

ALIGN WITH BUCKETS

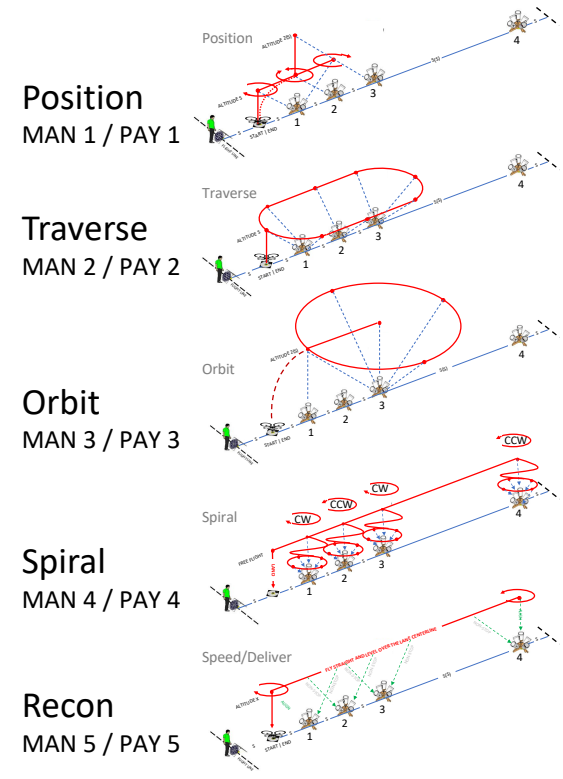
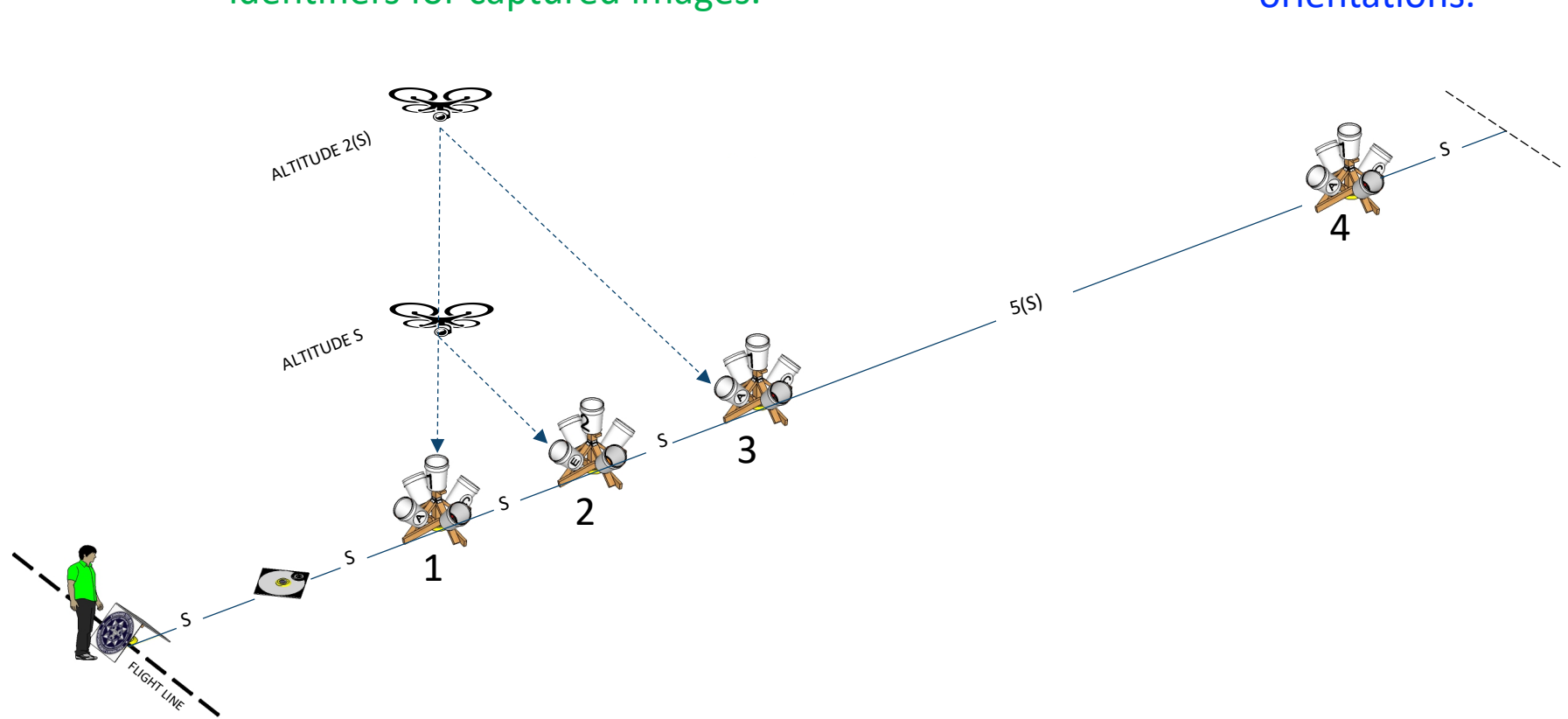
See a continuous GREEN ring inside each designated bucket to determine successful alignment. The numbers/letters are bucket identifiers for captured images.



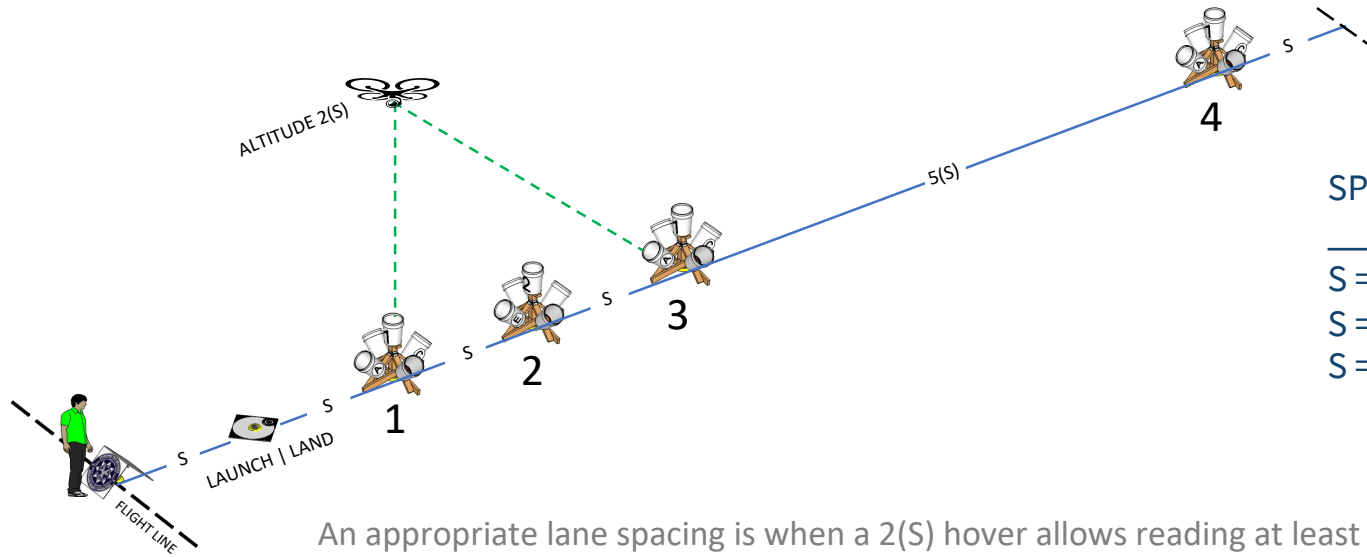
PAY 1-5 PAYLOAD FUNCTIONALITY

IDENTIFY VISUAL ACUITY TARGETS

Align with each designated bucket then identify the concentric C gap orientations. There are 5 increasingly small gaps to identify in 8 different orientations.

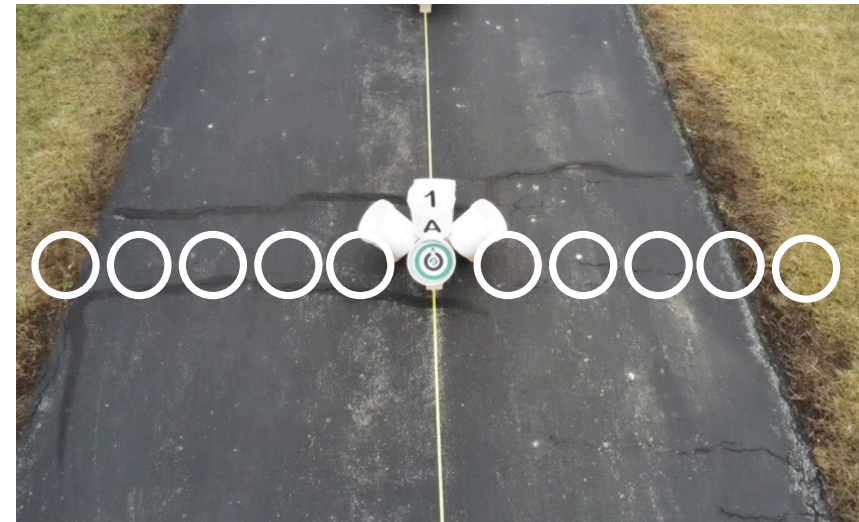


Choose An Appropriate Lane Spacing for the Aircraft



| SPACING (S) | LANE LENGTH (10S) | ALTITUDES (S, 2S, 5S) |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| S = 3 m (10 ft) | 30 m (100 FT) | 3, 6, 15 m (10, 20, 50 ft) |
| S = 6 m (20 ft) | 60 m (200 FT) | 6, 12, 30 m (20, 40, 100 ft) |
| S = 9 m (30 ft) | 90 m (300 FT) | 9, 18, 45 m (30, 60, 150 ft) |

An appropriate lane spacing is when a 2(S) hover allows reading at least the outer concentric C target two stands away.

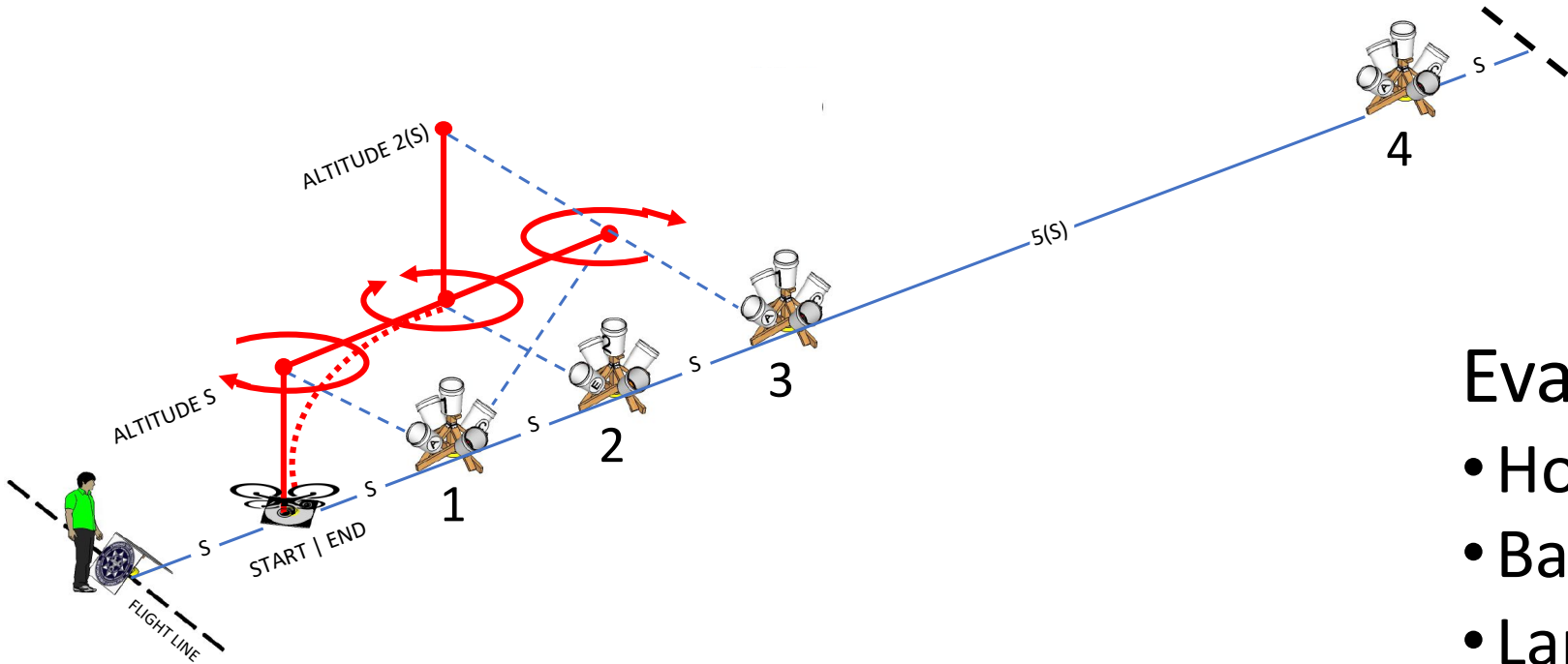


Altitude = Spacing between bucket stands.

Test Method Procedures

POSITION (MAN 1 | PAY 1)

Safety | Capabilities | Proficiency



Evaluates

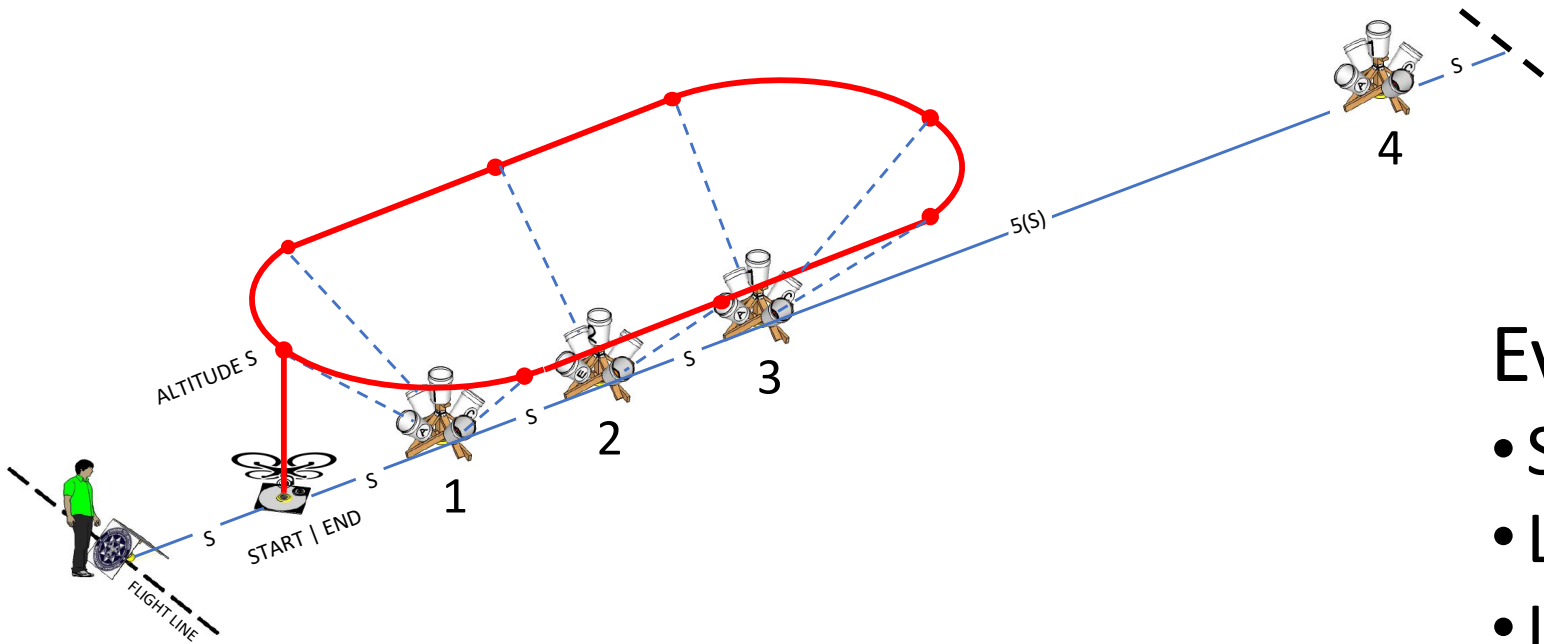
- Hover position stability
- Basic maneuvers
- Landing accuracy
- 20 tasks in 1 lap

MAN: Align only

PAY: Align and Identify

TRAVERSE (MAN 2 | PAY 2)

Safety | Capabilities | Proficiency



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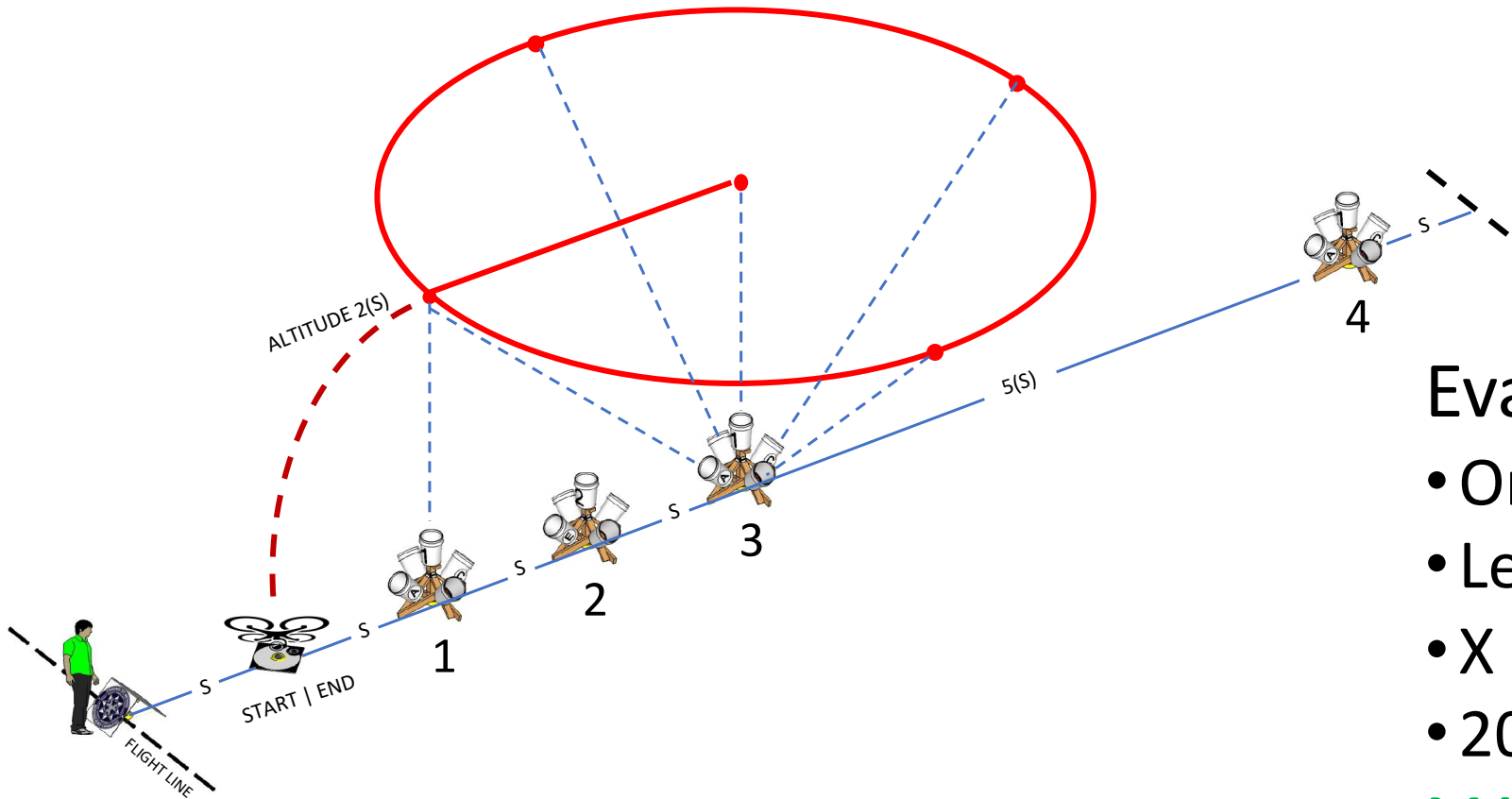
- Sideways flight along a line
- Left and right directions
- Landing accuracy
- 20 tasks in 1 lap

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PAY: Align and Identify

ORBIT (MAN 3 | PAY 3)

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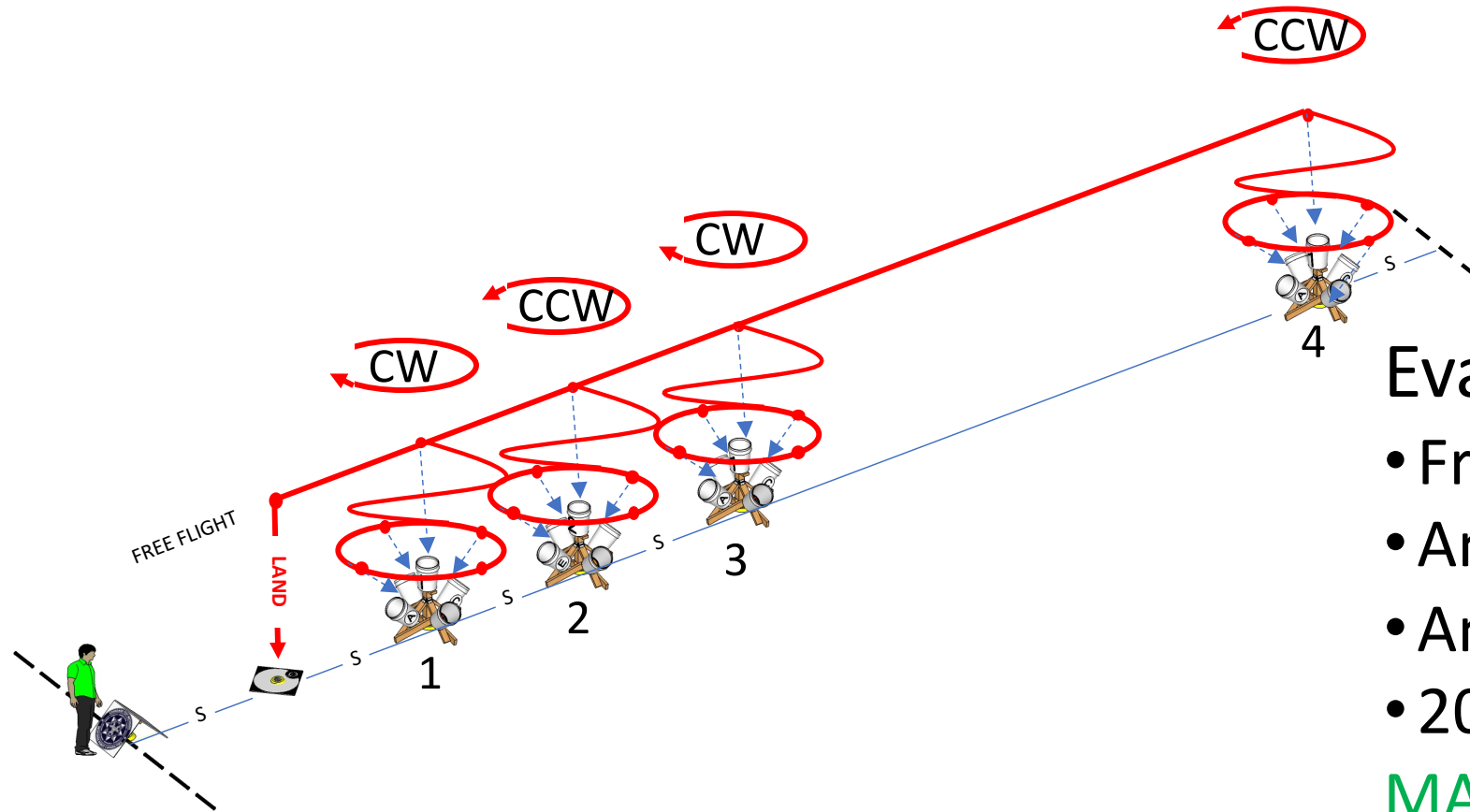
- Orbits to identify objects
- Left and right directions
- X and 2X altitudes
- 20 tasks in 4 laps

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PAY: Align and Identify

SPIRAL (MAN 4 | PAY 4)

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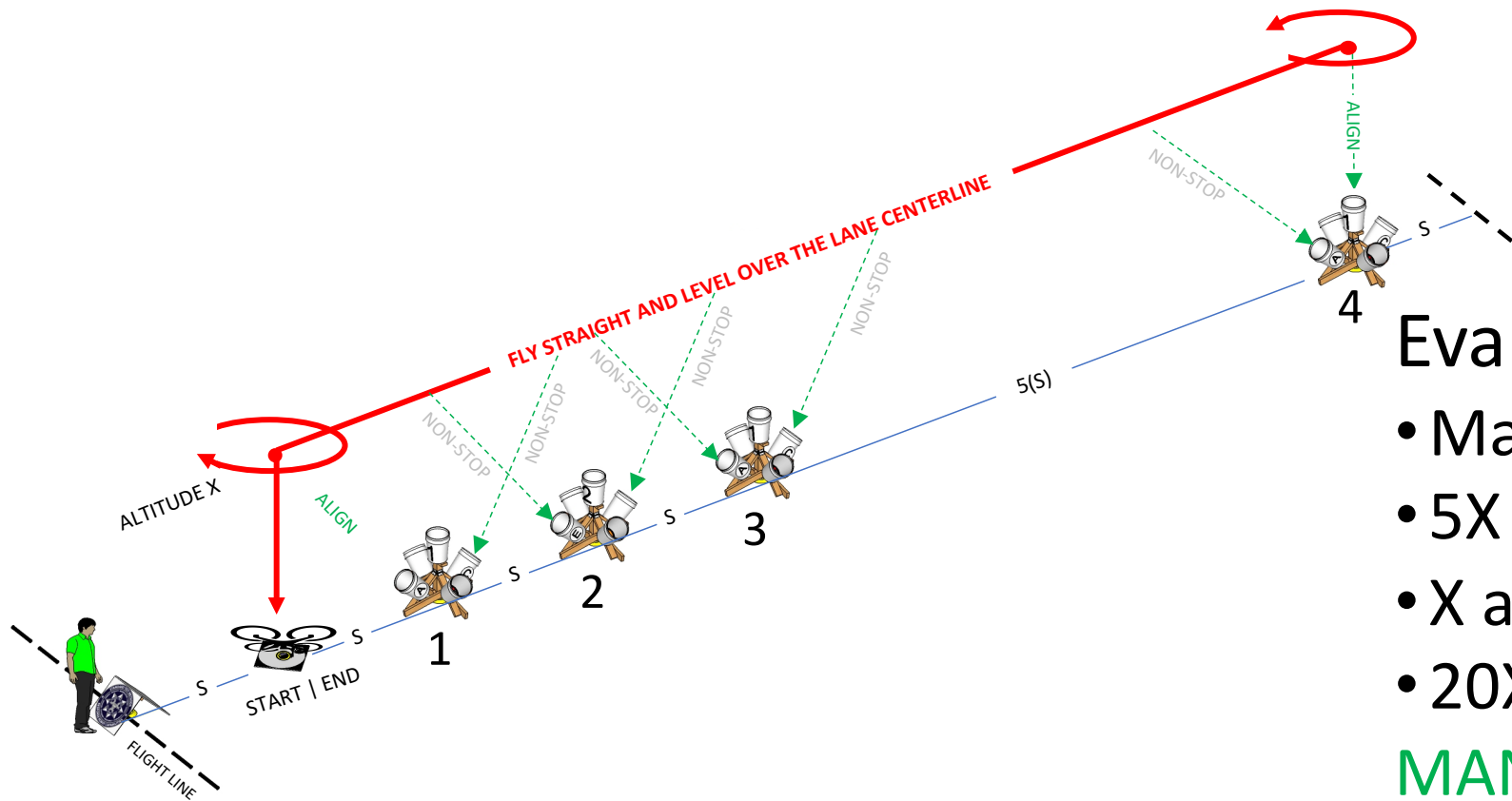
- Free flight to inspect objects
- Any proximity (use zooms)
- Any altitude
- 20 tasks in 1 lap

MAN: Align only

PAY: Align and Identify

SPEED/RECON (MAN 5 | PAY 5)

Safety | Capabilities | Proficiency



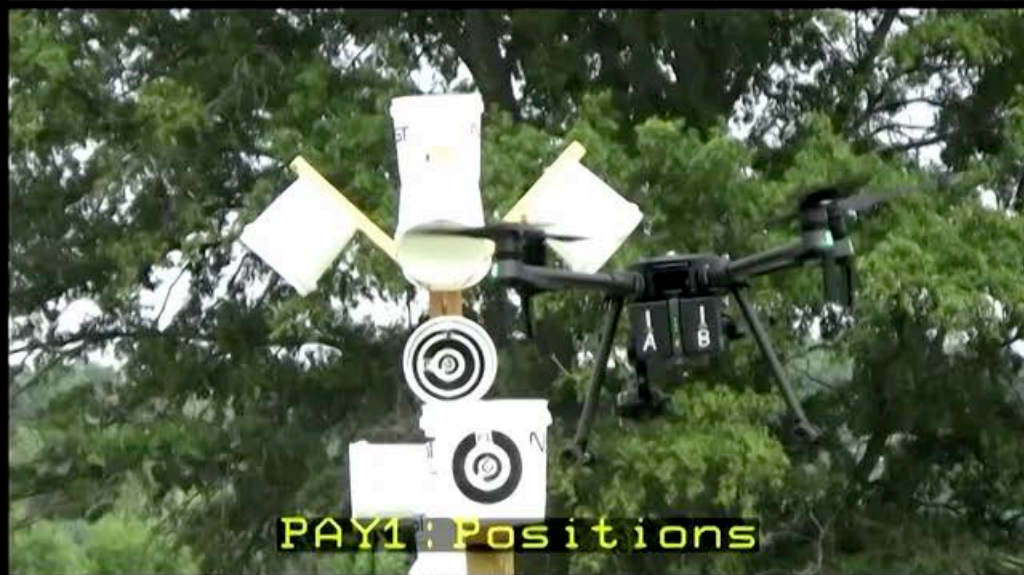
Evaluates

- Max speed following a line
- 5X distance
- X altitude
- 20X distance per lap

MAN: Align only

PAY: Align and Identify

Payload Functionality – Positions (PAY1)



Test Methods used in UAS1 and UAS2

PSCR UAS Flight and Payload Challenge (UAS1) 2018

- VTOL
- Maximum flight time
- 10 lbs, 15 lbs, 20 lbs payload categories
- Hover stability within ± 5 ft
- Weight < 55 lbs
- Cost \leq \$20,000
- No forward flying aircraft

The screenshot shows the NIST website's 'Public Safety Communications Research Division' page. The main heading is '2018 Unmanned Aerial Systems Flight and Payload Challenge'. Below the heading is a video player with the title 'NIST CHALLENGE: CAN DRONES BE USED TO HELP WITH PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS?'. To the left of the video is a sidebar menu with links to 'About PSCR', 'Research Portfolios', 'Funding Opportunities', 'Open Innovation Prize Challenges', 'About Open Innovation', 'Current and Upcoming Prize Challenges', 'Past Prize Challenges', and 'Partnerships'. The 'Past Prize Challenges' section lists several challenges from 2017 to 2019, including the '2018 Unmanned Aerial Systems Flight and Payload Challenge'. Below the video player is a section titled 'Congratulations to Team DV8 Tech, the 1st place winner of the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Flight and Payload Challenge!'. This section includes a photo of the winning drone and text describing the challenge and the winner's achievement. At the bottom of the page, there is a detailed paragraph about the challenge's structure, including the number of participants, the prize amount, and the requirements for the drone.

<https://bit.ly/2BPbEdz>

PSCR UAS Flight and Payload Challenge (UAS1)

2018

NIST
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NIST UAS Flight and Payload Challenge
May 21 - 24, 2018

Fredericksburg RC Club Airfield
6900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA. 22553

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Safety Checks

| Team Name: | Passed Pre Flight | Passed Post Flight | Inspector Initials |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1. UAS Packed Configuration Volume Check (≤ 6 ft. x 4 ft. x 3 ft.) | | | Tom |
| 2. UAV Weight Check (must be fully fueled) <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 35 lb. (or ≤ 36 lb. if rails attached) without 20 lb. payload <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 55 lb. with 20 lb. payload (includes rails) | | | Kasey |
| 3. Fuel Supply Checks (UAV OFF) <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel tank & lines made of suitable material <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel lines secured and in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> No fuel close to exhaust <input type="checkbox"/> Mark full fuel level on tank <input type="checkbox"/> No fuel leaks <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | Max & Devon |
| 4. Structural Integrity Checks (UAV OFF) <input type="checkbox"/> Components adequately secured and fasteners tightened <input type="checkbox"/> Propeller structure and attachment integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Payload rails securely attached <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | Tony & Jim |
| 5. Electrical Checks (UAV OFF) <input type="checkbox"/> Wiring and electronics intact <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical connections secure <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> No unnecessary loose wires <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | Plan |
| 6. Radio Spectrum Frequency Compliance Check | | | Andrew |
| 7. FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate #: _____ Pilot name: _____ | | | Lane 1: Tom & Tony Lane 2: Jim & Devon Lane 3: Max & Hovee |
| 8. Control Checks (UAV ON) <input type="checkbox"/> Close range radio communications (with propellers, pilots in cage) <input type="checkbox"/> Close range kill switch operation (with propellers, pilots in cage) <input type="checkbox"/> Long range radio communications (with propellers, pilots at range) <input type="checkbox"/> Long range kill switch operation (with propellers, pilots at range) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | Lane 3: Tony & Tony Lane 2: Jim & Devon Lane 3: Max & Hovee |
| 9. Maneuvering Test Flights (UAV ON) <input type="checkbox"/> Hover in place, forward, backward, left, right, and yaw (30 seconds) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Position and Rotate (3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Ascend, Turn, and Descend (3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Move and Rotate / Fly Straight and Level (3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> UAS autonomous flight-mode manual override (3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Land Accurately (3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | Chief Inspector Initials |
| All Checks Passed | | | |

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Flight Test Scoring Sheet

Team Name: _____ Date: 05 / ____ / 2018

Administrator Name: _____ Time: ____ : ____ AM / PM

Payload weight: ☐ 10 lbs. (x1) ☐ 15 lbs. (x3) ☐ 20 lbs. (x6) Total Flight Time: ____ mins

Band number before takeoff: _____ UAV Weight: ____ lbs.

First Takeoff Time: ____ : ____ AM / PM

Launch Band: _____

Start Video Recording

Traverses: Waypoint 1, Waypoint 2, Waypoint 3 (see reverse) Passed: Yes / No

Hover start time: ____ : ____ : ____ AM / PM (Eastern Standard Time)
H H M M S S

Hover Score =

$$\text{Hover Time (min)} \times \text{Weighting Factor}$$

$$X \times \frac{\text{Hover Time}}{\text{Weighting Factor}} =$$

Band number after landing: _____

Last Landing Time: ____ : ____ AM / PM

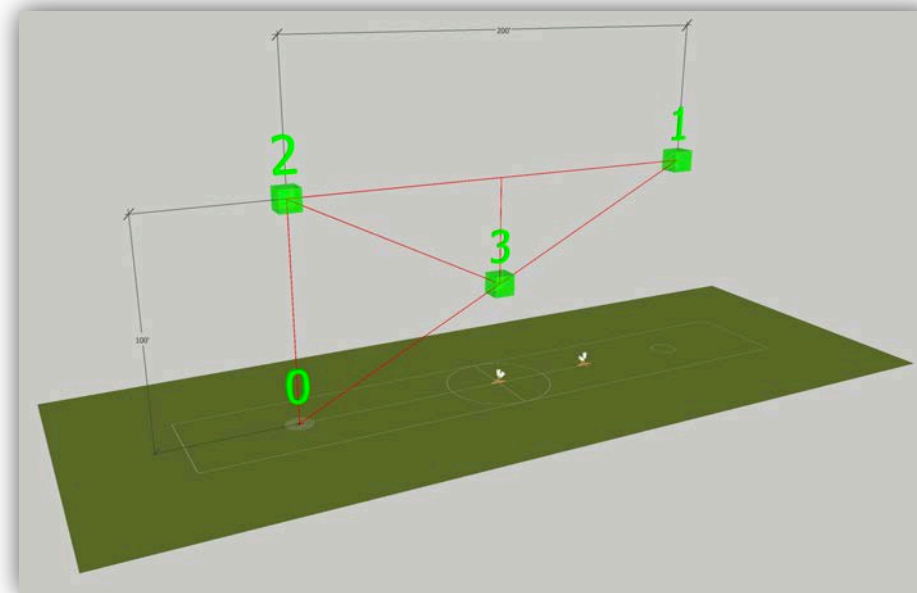
Land Band: _____

Landing Score =

$$10 - 2 (\text{Land Band} - \text{Launch Band})$$

$$10 - 2 \left(\begin{matrix} \text{Land Band} \\ - \\ \text{Launch Band} \end{matrix} \right) =$$

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PSCR UAS1 Overview



Test Method Lanes Setup

Setup 3 standard test method lanes with well-demarcated fly and no-fly zones for each contestant's aircraft.

Test Methods Used

Used the NIST “fly straight and level,” “maintain position and orientation,” and “land accurately” tests to evaluate the aircrafts’ performance.



PSCR UAS1 Test Flights 2018

NIST Test Flight

NIST commercial-off-the-shelf aircraft with no payload and an integrated video downlink.



Contestant Test Flight

Contestant's aircraft with a 20 lb. payload and a NIST-provided video downlink.



First Responder UAS Endurance Challenge (UAS2) 2021

- VTOL
- Flight time \geq 60 minutes
- 10 lbs payload only
- Hover in place or loiter around
- Weight \leq 100 lbs
- Cost \leq \$30,000
- Forward flying aircraft OK

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UAS 2021 HOME ABOUT DETAILS RESOURCES CONTESTANT PORTAL CONTACT

FIRST RESPONDER UAS ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Contestants Joining the Stage 1 Winners Circle!!

Contest Stage 3 Walk-on is NOW OPEN!

Congratulations to the Contestants Joining the Stage 1 Winners Circle!!

ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

Could your Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) win a competition for the "Last Drone Standing"?

If you look around, there are plenty of drone challenges sponsored by industry, academia, non-profits, and government agencies. The *First Responder UAS Endurance Challenge*, however, will be the one most worthy of your time.

Why? Because the *First Responder UAS Endurance Challenge* is a competition that is specifically designed to crowd-source as many inventive drone designs as possible for first responders. What does this mean for you? It means the Challenge presents a unique opportunity to use your ingenuity and hardware build expertise to design a drone prototype that will fly for the longest time possible while carrying a 10-pound payload. It means the competition awards up to \$552K in prizes that not only include the top three best designs that meet program requirements, but also include a variety of 'best-in-class' awards for specific drone capabilities. When you accept our invitation to join this Challenge, you and your team will be directly helping to advance UAS technology

LATEST UPDATES

- 6/3/20 - Congratulations to the Contestants Joining the Stage 1 Winners Circle!!
- 4/30/20 - Contest Closed
- 4/28/20 - New FAQs are posted.
- 4/21/20 - New and Updated FAQs are posted.
- 4/10/20 - New FAQs are posted.
- 4/6/20 - 4/2 webinar recording is posted.

<https://www.firstresponderuaschallenge.org>

PSCR First Responder UAS Endurance Challenge (UAS2)

2021



Check out our UAS2 Session!

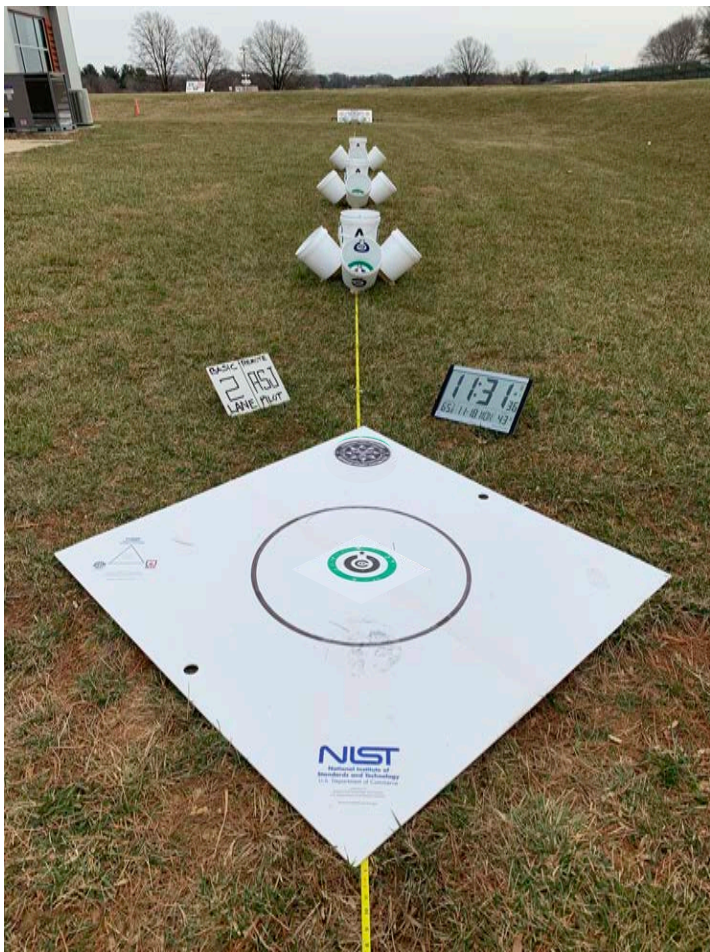
“Innovating on Drone Technology to Support First Responder Missions”



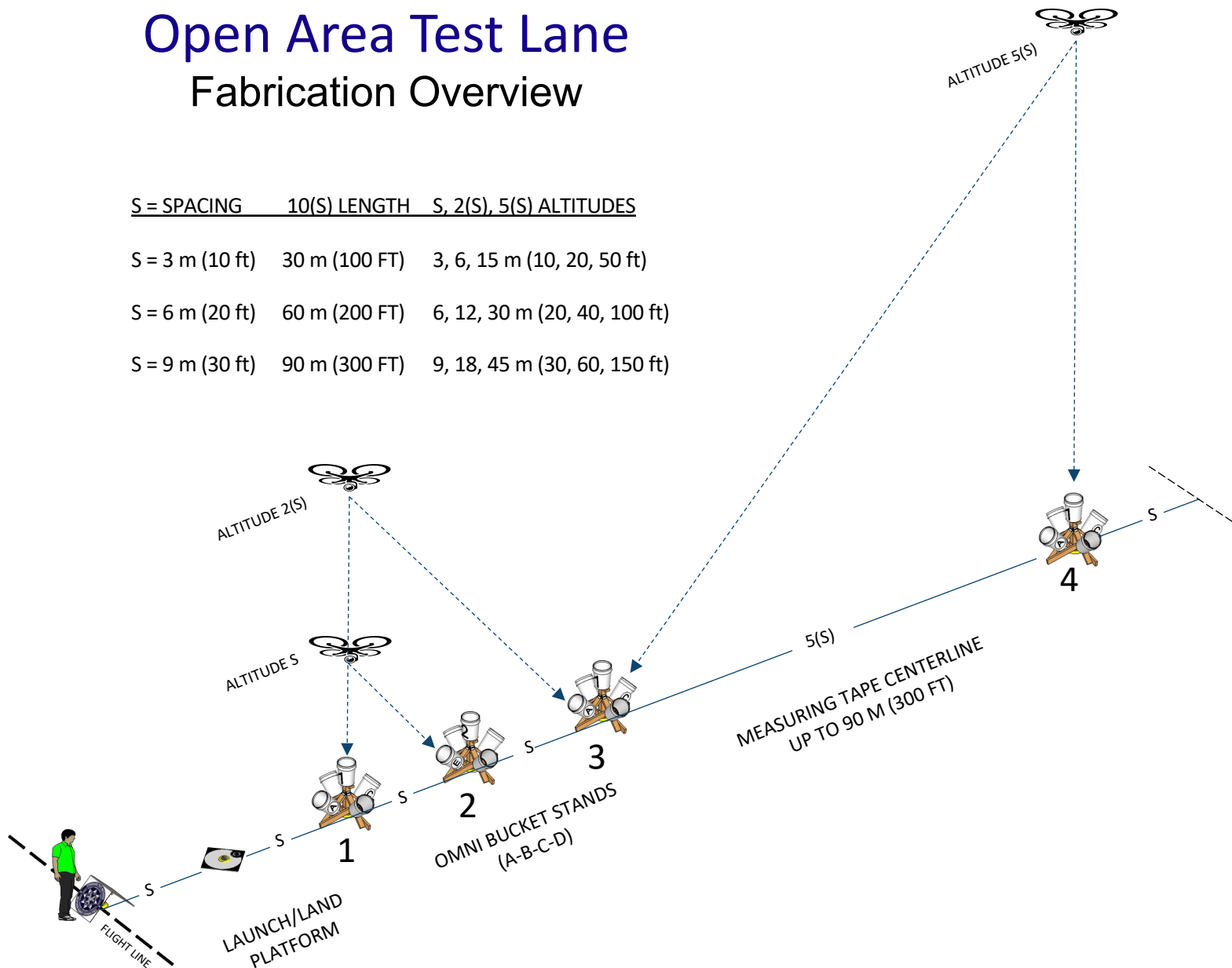
Apparatus Fabrication

Open Area Test Lane

Fabrication Overview

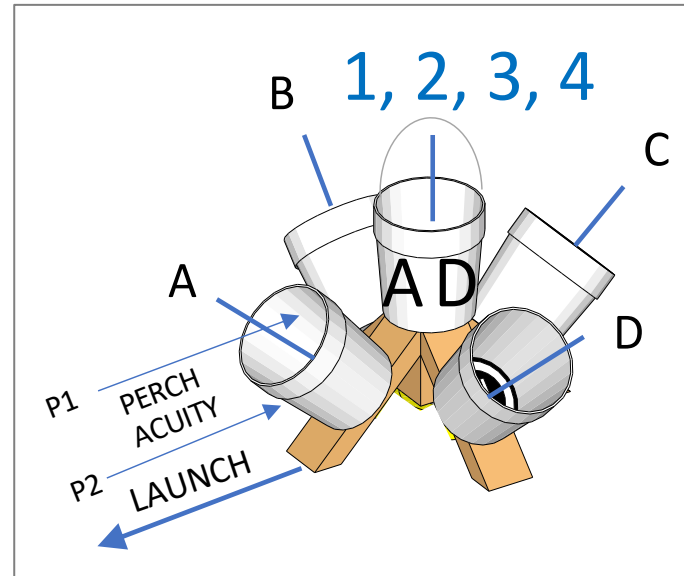
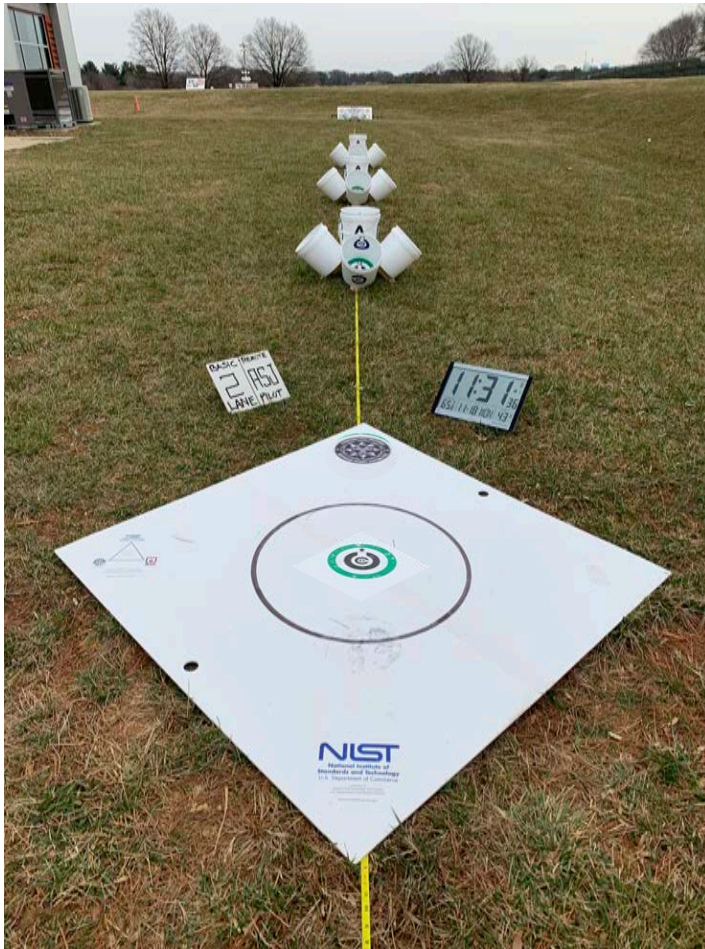


| <u>S = SPACING</u> | <u>10(S) LENGTH</u> | <u>S, 2(S), 5(S) ALTITUDES</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| S = 3 m (10 ft) | 30 m (100 FT) | 3, 6, 15 m (10, 20, 50 ft) |
| S = 6 m (20 ft) | 60 m (200 FT) | 6, 12, 30 m (20, 40, 100 ft) |
| S = 9 m (30 ft) | 90 m (300 FT) | 9, 18, 45 m (30, 60, 150 ft) |



Open Area Test Lane

Fabrication Overview



Omni Bucket Stands

Fabrication Overview

Fabricate Stand:

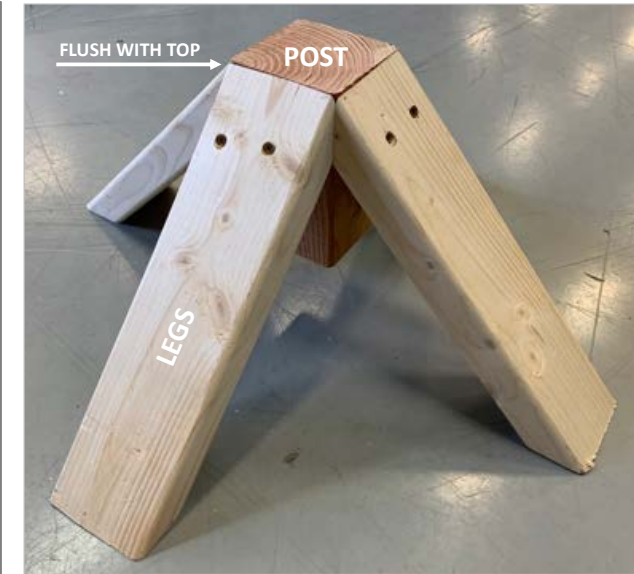
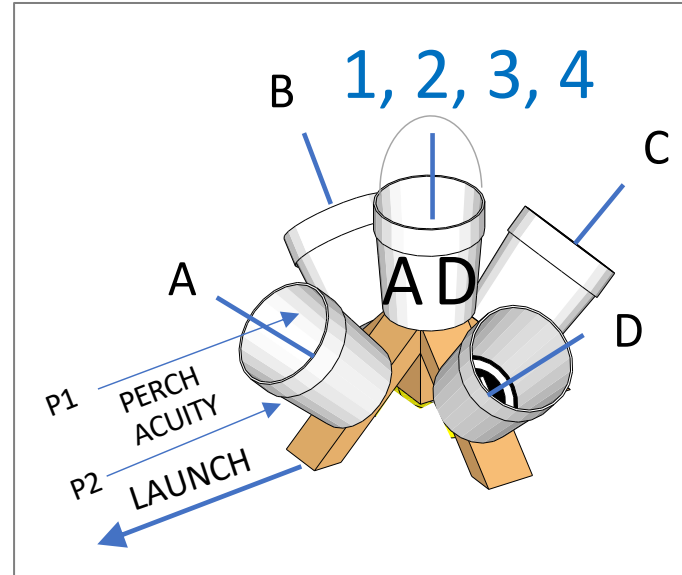
- [1] POST 4 x 4 x 6 inch.
- [4] LEGS 2 x 4 x 12 inch with 45-degree tapers on both ends cut tall on the miter saw with opposing tapers.
- [8] 3 in screws to affix the legs flush with the top of the POST. Use 2 screws per leg through the tapered top end.

Sticker Buckets: *(see pointers to download the sticker files)*

- [5] White buckets 2-gallon or 8 in diameter.
- [15] 8in diameter matte weatherproof polyester stickers.
 - [4] Big numbers inside each top bucket 1111 , 2222, 3333, 4444.
 - [4] Big letters around each top bucket ABCD, ABCD, ABCD, ABCD.
 - [5] Acuity targets inside all bottoms 1-1A-1B-1C-1D, 2-2A-2B-2C-2D, etc.
 - [2] Perch acuity targets inside and under bucket 1A only (see picture).

Affix Buckets to Stand

- Leave the carry handle on top numbered buckets.
- Remove the handles from all angled lettered buckets.
- [2] 3 in screws with washer heads to affix the top bucket into the post end grain. This enables the handled bucket to carry the entire weight of the stand. Both screws should go through the largest Concentric C in the target.
- [10] 1-1/2 in screws with washer heads to affix the angled buckets. Angled buckets should be touching the top bucket to support stacking. Both screws should go through the green inscribed alignment ring.



Fabrication Instructions & Test Procedures

<https://RobotTestMethods.nist.gov>

- Detailed fabrication guide including:
 - Bill of materials
 - Cut lists
 - Printable materials (stickers, posters, bucket inserts, etc.)
 - Fabrication and setup videos
- Detailed test procedures including:
 - Test guide
 - Printable test forms
 - Sample scoring videos

Or email: RobotTestMethods@nist.gov

The screenshot displays the NIST Engineering Laboratory website. The header includes the NIST logo and a search bar. The main navigation bar identifies the 'INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS DIVISION'. A sidebar on the left lists various test methods categories, with 'Aerial Systems' currently selected. The main content area features a circular logo for 'STANDARD TEST METHODS FOR RESPONSE ROBOTS' and a link to 'Standard Test Methods for Aerial Systems'. Below this, a 'Quick Start Guide' download link is highlighted. The central focus is a 'Scalable Test Lane' diagram, which illustrates a test setup for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) with various components like launchers, landing platforms, and sensors. To the right of the diagram is a grid of six small images showing different test scenarios. At the bottom, a video player shows an aerial view of a test field with a circular landing area and various equipment.

Other UAS Test Methods

Scenarios with Directed Points of View

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VEHICLE INSPECTION EXAMPLE



Vehicle Inspection

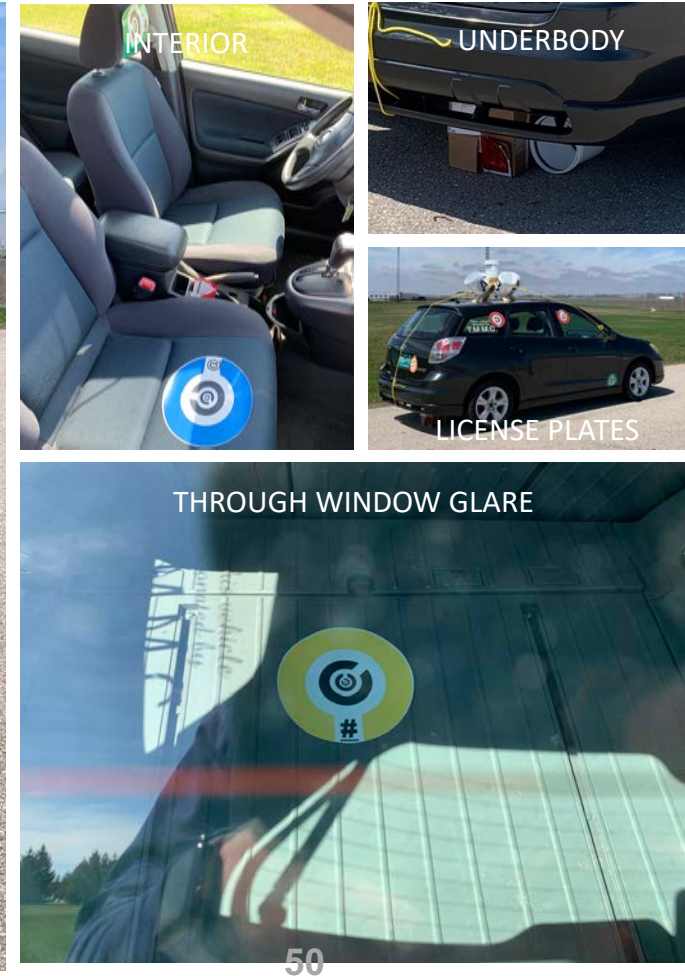
Training and Evaluation

Establish hover directly over top and orbit to identify all buckets on the roof stand (#, A, B, C, D).

Determine if further inspection is warranted (could be 20 vehicles).

Spiral inspect all sides and interior.

Perch to identify underbody targets (and maintain view if necessary for ground robots coming down range).



Box Truck Inspection

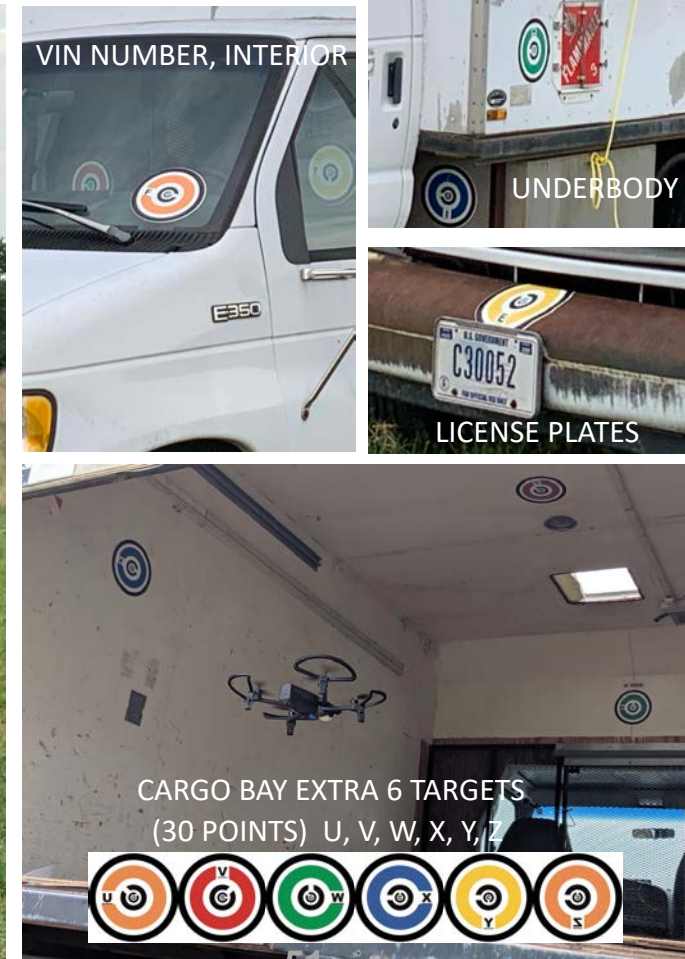
Training and Evaluation

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Spiral inspect all sides and interior.

Perch to identify underbody targets (and maintain view if necessary for ground robots coming down range).



Fuel Truck / Rail Car Inspection

Training and Evaluation

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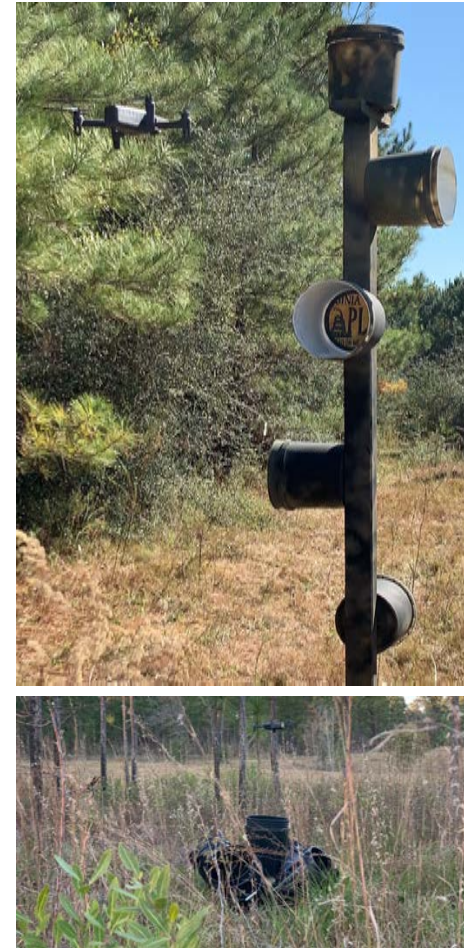
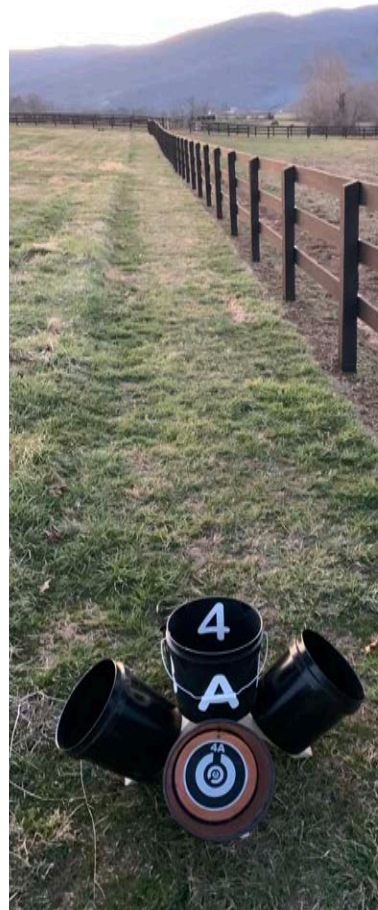
Determine if further inspection is warranted (could be 20 vehicles).

Spiral inspect all sides and interior.

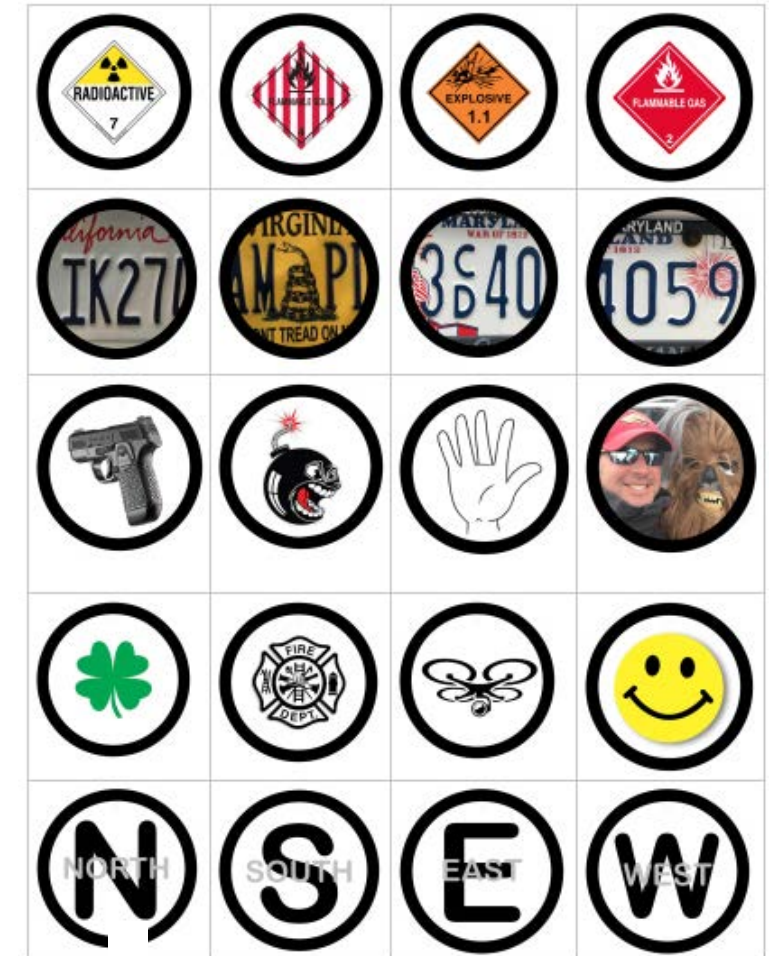
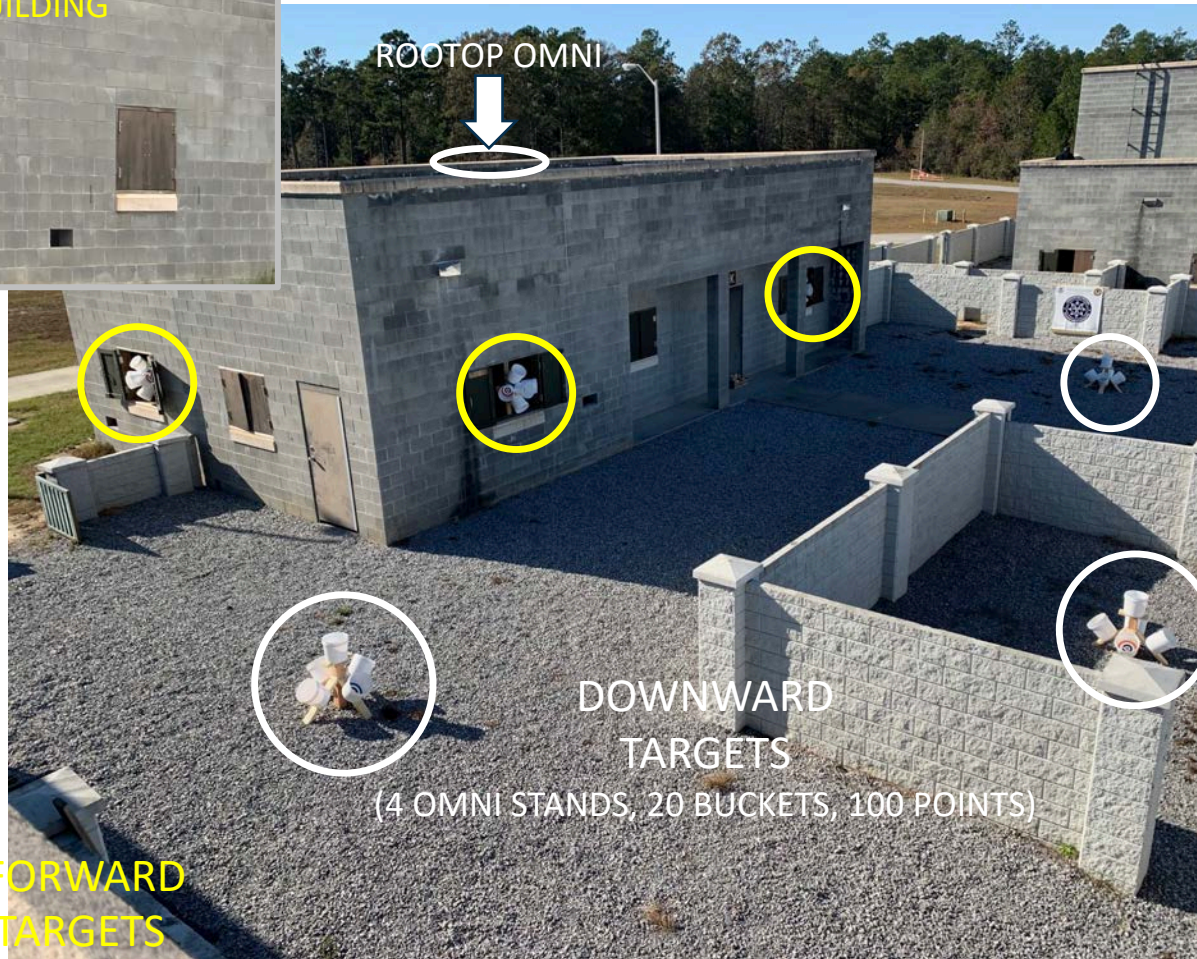
Perch to identify underbody targets (and maintain view if necessary for ground robots coming down range).



Wide Area Search Training and Evaluation

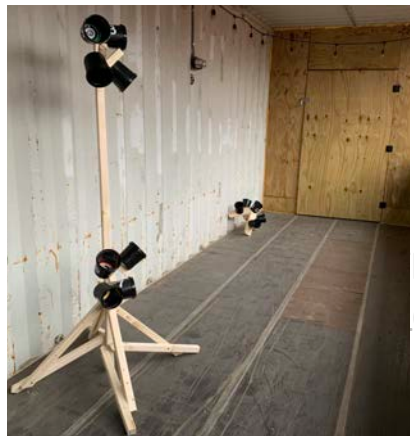


Building Exterior Search Training and Evaluation



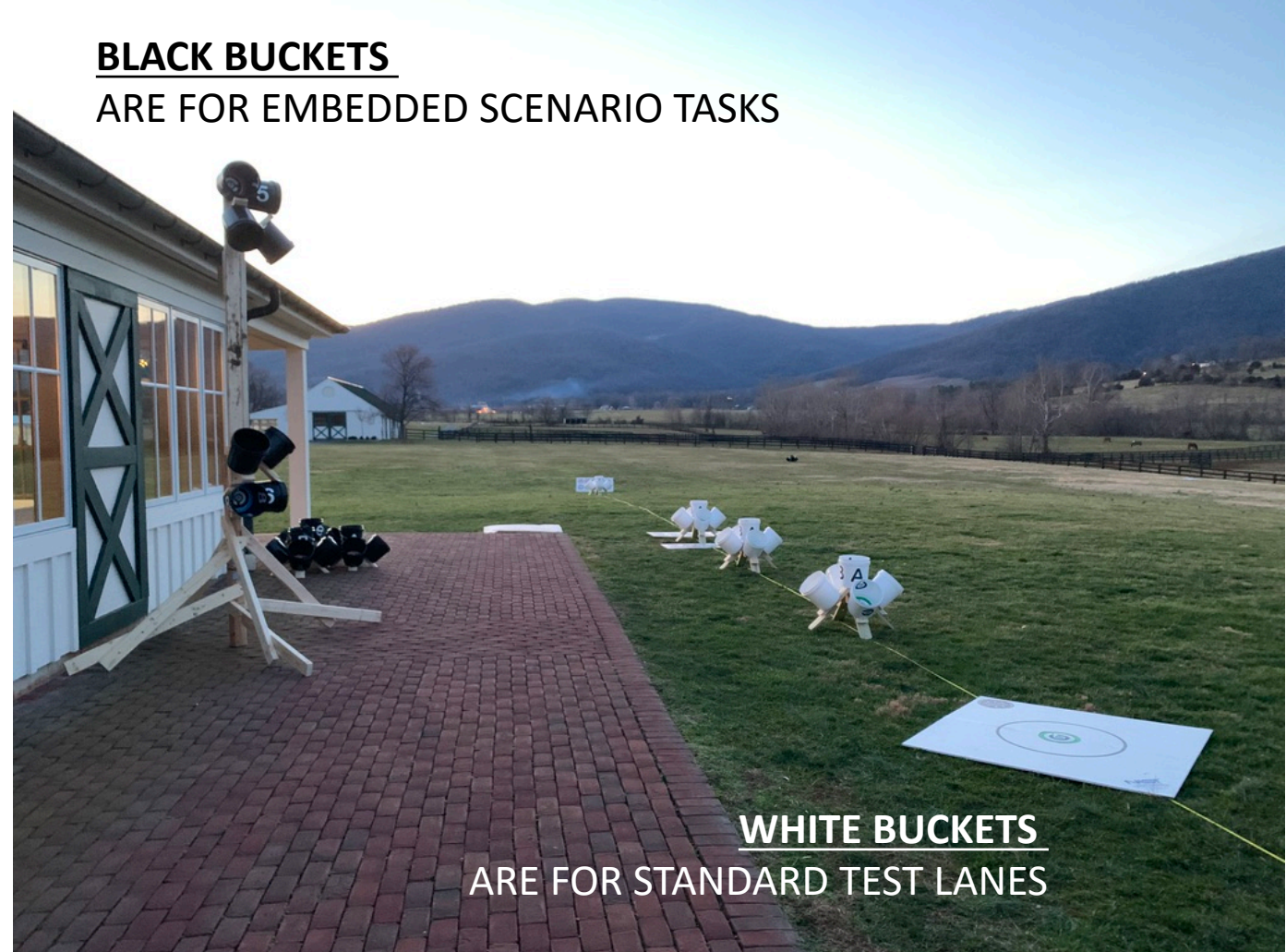
Indoor/Outdoor Training and Evaluation

INDOOR VERSIONS
(1qt/4in diameter)



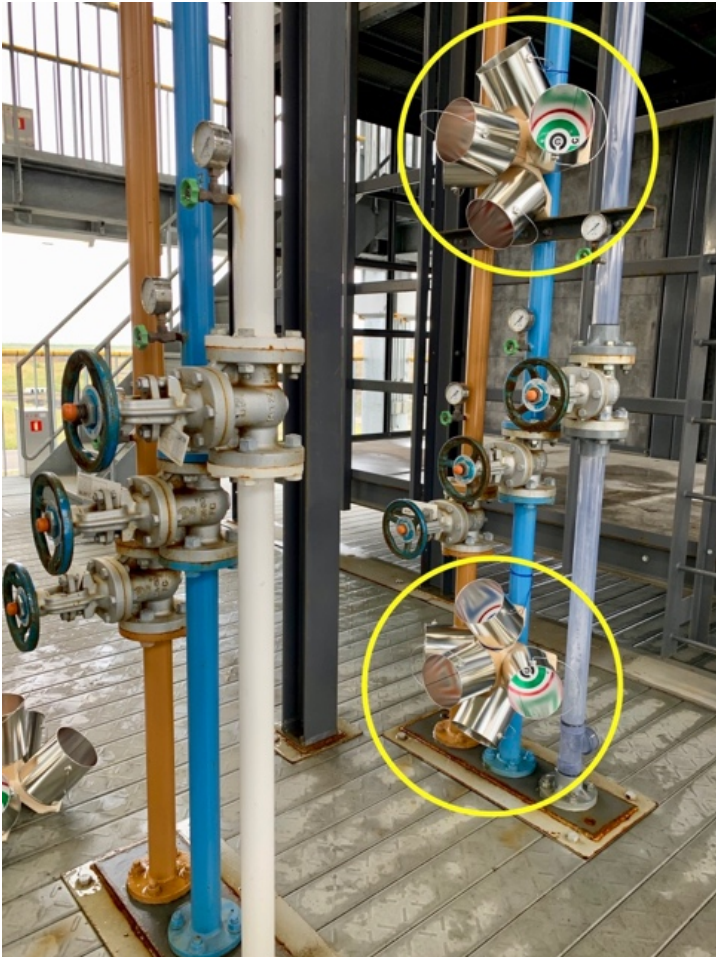
OUTDOOR VERSIONS
(2gal/8in diameter)

BLACK BUCKETS
ARE FOR EMBEDDED SCENARIO TASKS

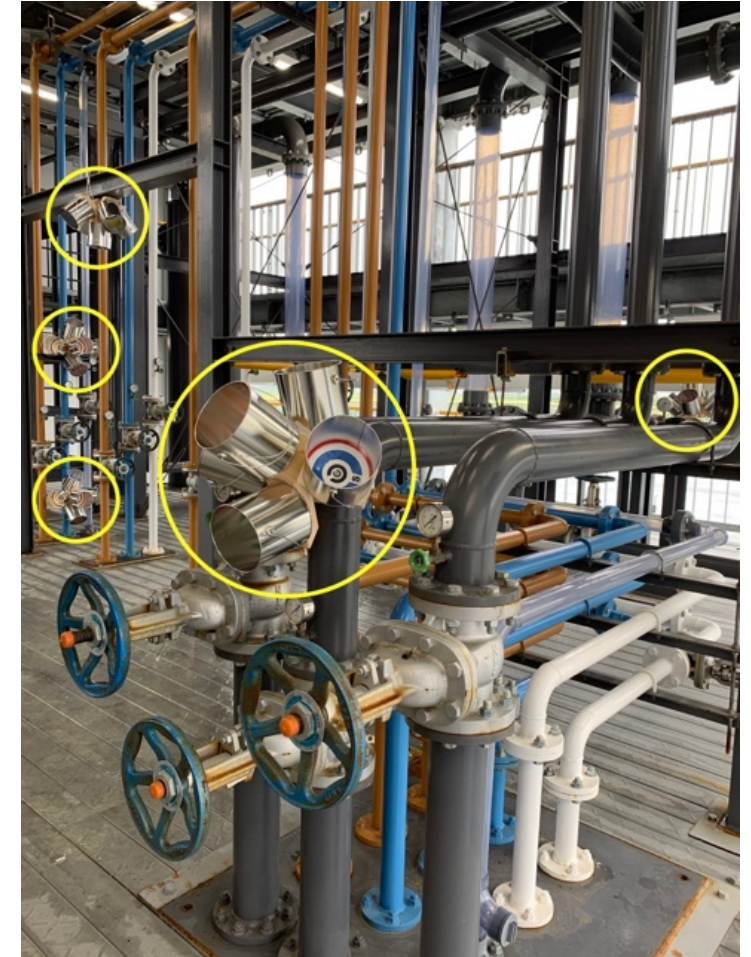


WHITE BUCKETS
ARE FOR STANDARD TEST LANES

METAL BUCKETS
BLEND INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

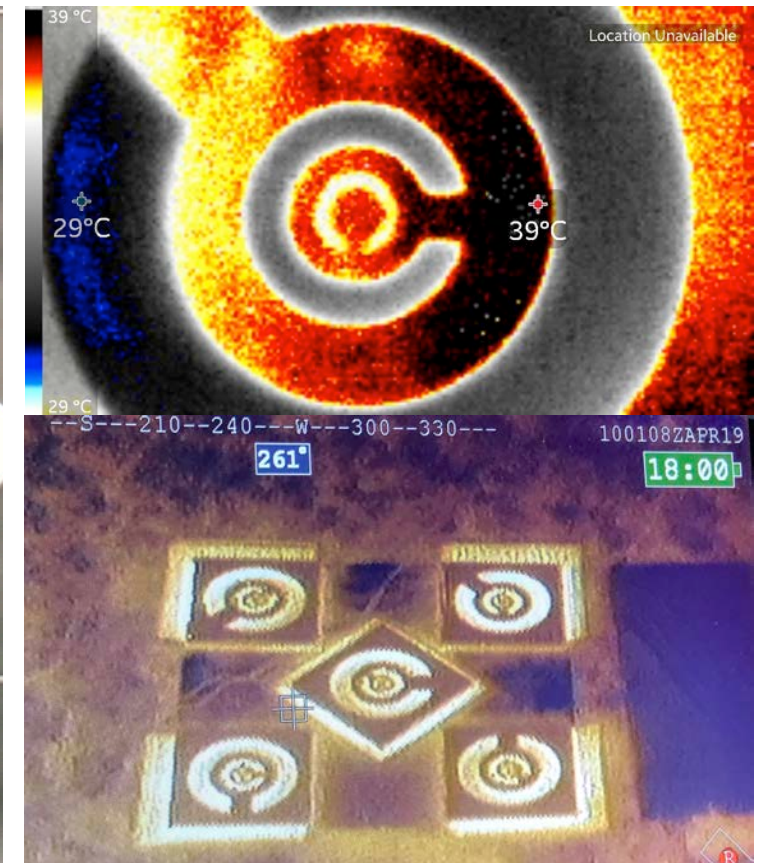
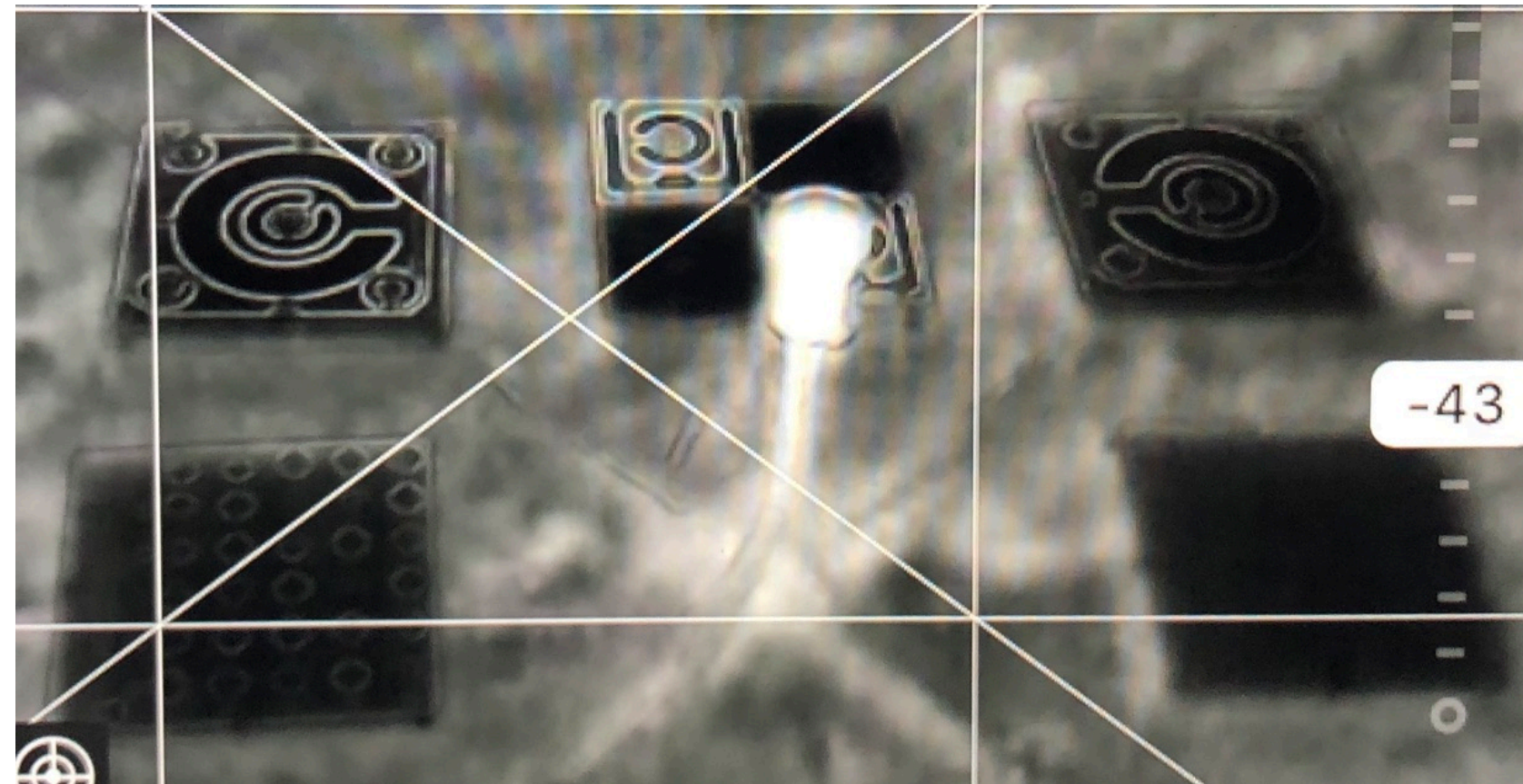


Indoor Search
Training and Evaluation



Thermal Targets

Training and Evaluation



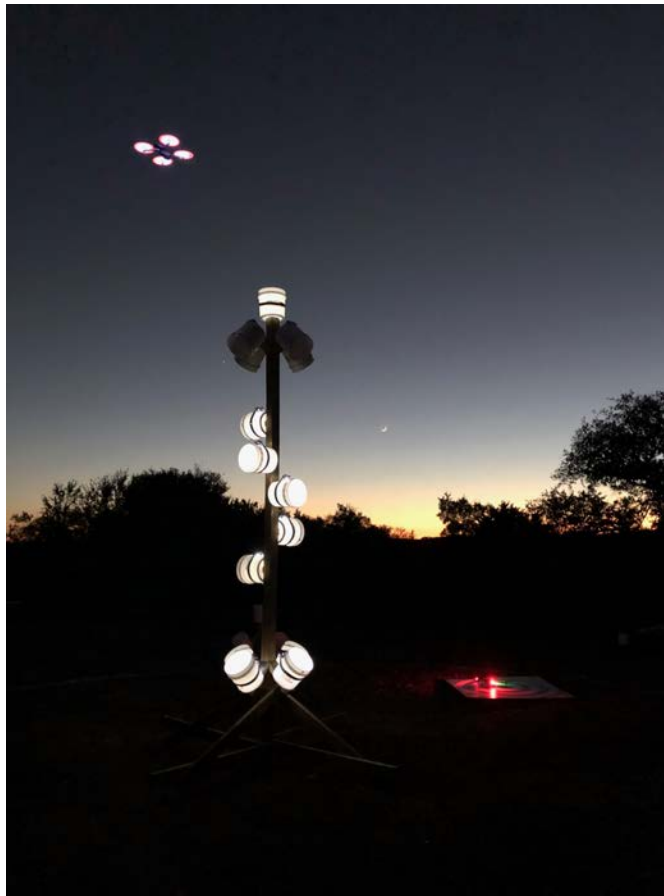
Night Operations

Training and Evaluation

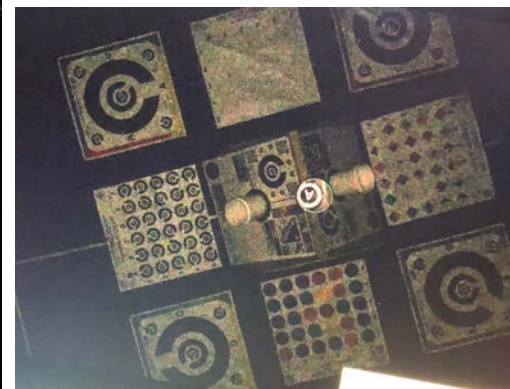
White or red headlamps wrapped around the buckets pointed inward!



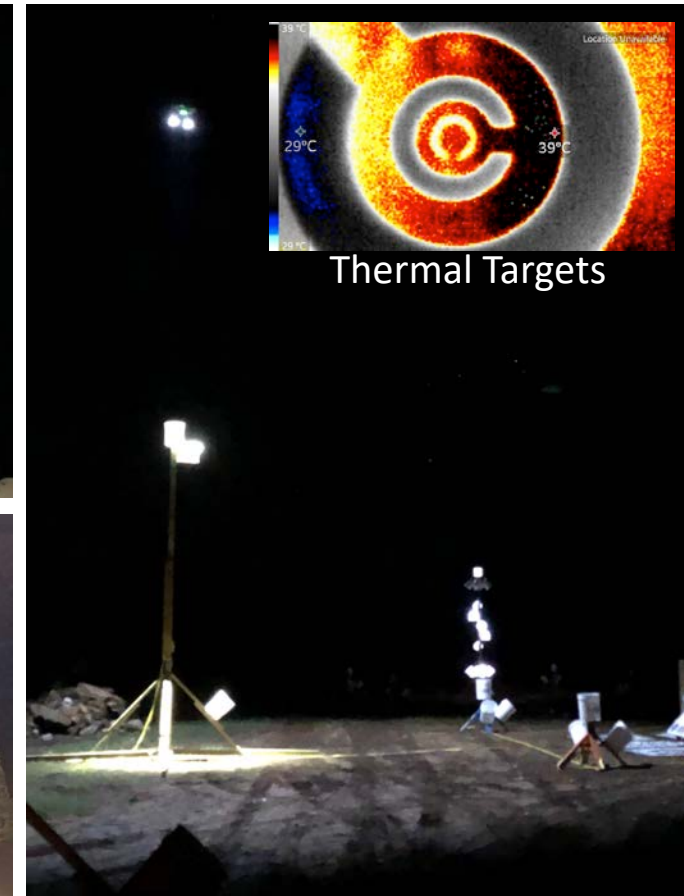
Position guidance for range to target using lighted buckets (red or white)



Inspect objects of interest using lighted buckets (red or white)



Identify objects lighted from the aircraft



Measure additional sensor capabilities

NIST and Reveille Peak Ranch, Burnet, TX



Deliver Payload

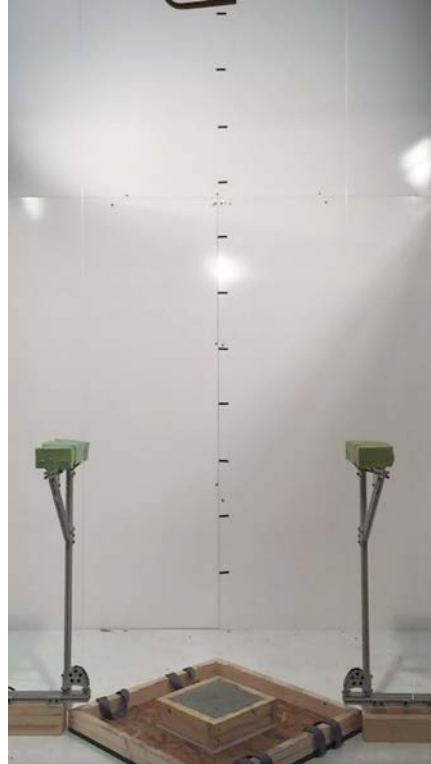


Inspect Object

Measurement Science Approach



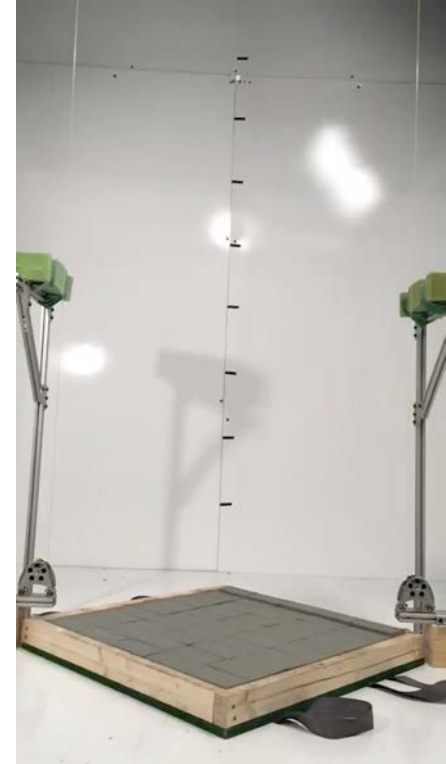
Wooden Ball



Steel Ball

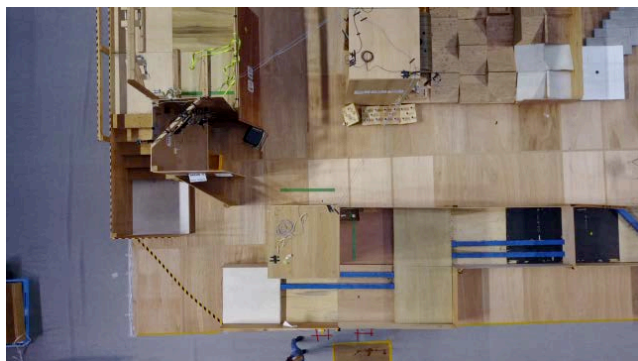
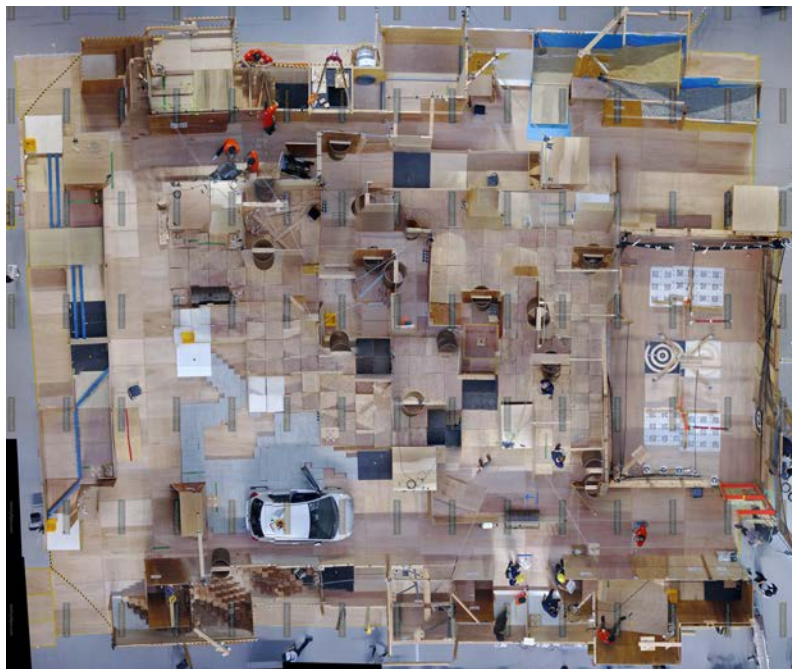


Toy UAS



UAS Surrogate

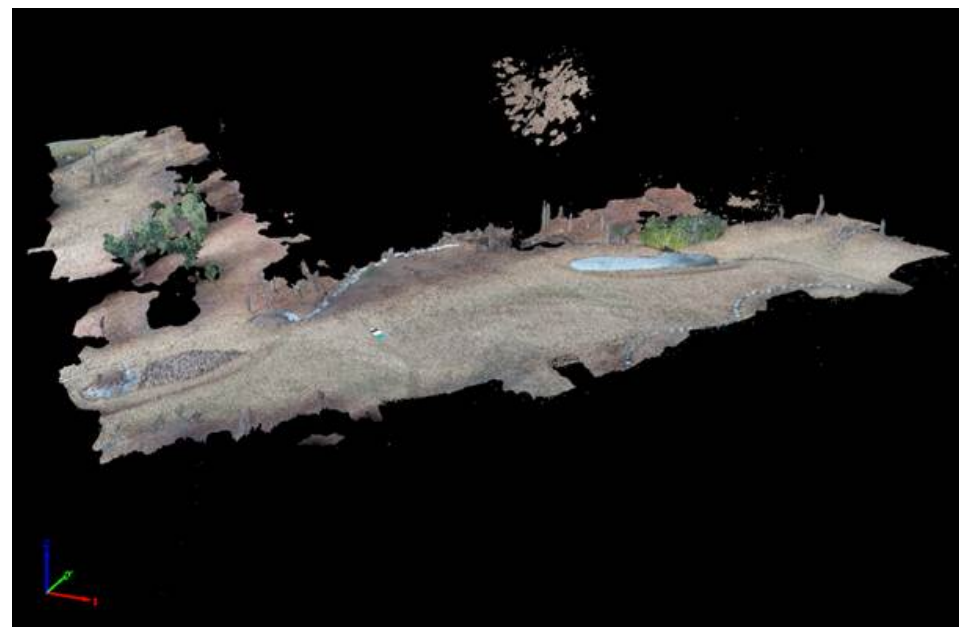
Map Wide Areas



Indoor



Outdoor



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